



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6499

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this act, the
2 "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" or
3 "convention" means the convention adopted by the United Nations
4 General Assembly on November 20, 1989, since ratified by one
5 hundred ninety-three nations, that represents the first international
6 instrument to address the civil, political, economic, social and cultural
7 rights of children.

8 (b) On or before January 15, 2014, the chairpersons of the joint
9 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 matters relating to children shall form a working group comprised of
11 representatives of state agencies and departments, community
12 organizations, private provider agencies operating programs that
13 impact the well-being of children and families, parents and other
14 caretakers of children, child advocacy organizations, health care
15 professionals that serve children and families, schools, and child care
16 providers. Such working group shall: (1) Receive reports and
17 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based
18 organizations and other public and private organizations regarding the
19 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; (2) create goals

20 for state policy that would prevent the abuse of children's rights in the
21 state; (3) implement results-based accountability measures to track
22 progress towards the goals and objectives outlined in the convention
23 for inclusion in the children's results-based accountability report card
24 established pursuant to section 2-53m of the general statutes; and (4)
25 urge the United States Congress to ratify the convention so the United
26 States may join the one hundred ninety-three nations having already
27 ratified the convention.

28 (c) Not later than January 15, 2015, the working group shall submit a
29 report detailing the working group's findings pursuant to subsection
30 (b) of this section to the General Assembly, in accordance with the
31 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

32 (d) The working group shall terminate on January 15, 2015.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b) technical revisions were made for clarity and in section 1(d), "task force" was changed to "working group" for accuracy and consistency.

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