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"AN ACT CONCERNING REFERRALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) (1) On and after the
4 effective date of this section, the Department of Children and Families
5 shall, within available appropriations, ensure that each child thirty-six
6 months of age or younger who has been substantiated as a victim of
7 abuse or neglect is screened for both developmental and social-
8 emotional delays using validated assessment tools such as the Ages
9 and Stages and the Ages and Stages-Social/Emotional Questionnaires,
10 or their equivalents. The department shall ensure that such screenings
11 are administered to any such child twice annually, unless such child
12 has been found to be eligible for the birth-to-three program,
13 established under section 17a-248b of the general statutes.

14 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, the department shall ensure that each
15 child thirty-six months of age or younger who is being served through
16 the department's differential response program, established under
17 section 17a-101g of the general statutes, is screened for both
18 developmental and social-emotional delays using validated
19 assessment tools such as the Ages and Stages and the Ages and Stages-
20 Social/Emotional Questionnaires, or their equivalents, unless such
21 child has been found to be eligible for the birth-to-three program.

22 (b) The department shall refer any child exhibiting developmental
23 or social-emotional delays pursuant to such screenings to the birth-to-
24 three program. The department shall refer any child who is not found
25 eligible for services under the birth-to-three program to the Help Me
26 Grow prevention program of the Children's Trust Fund or a similar
27 program which the department deems appropriate.

28 (c) Not later than July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
29 department shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section
30 11-4a of the general statutes, a report to the joint standing committee of
31 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
32 children for inclusion in the annual report card prepared pursuant to
33 section 2-53m of the general statutes on the status of the screening and
34 referral program authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
35 Such report shall include: (1) The number of children thirty-six months
36 of age or younger within the state who have been substantiated as
37 victims of abuse or neglect within the preceding twelve months; (2) the
38 number of children thirty-six months of age or younger within the
39 state who have been served through the department's differential
40 response program within the preceding twelve months; (3) the number
41 of children who were screened for developmental and social-emotional
42 delays pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by the department or
43 by a provider contracted by the department within the preceding
44 twelve months; (4) the number of children in subdivisions (1) and (2)
45 of this subsection referred for evaluation under the birth-to-three
46 program within the preceding twelve months, the number of such

47 children actually evaluated under such program, the number of such
48 children found eligible for services under such program and the
49 services for which such children were found eligible under such
50 program; and (5) the number of children described in subdivisions (1)
51 and (2) of this subsection receiving evidence-based developmental
52 support services through the birth-to-three program or through a
53 provider contracted by the department within the preceding twelve
54 months."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section