



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Senate Bill No. 822

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF CHILDREN BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING  
INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 17a-101h of the general statutes is repealed and  
4 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person  
6 authorized to conduct an investigation of abuse or neglect shall  
7 coordinate investigatory activities in order to minimize the number of  
8 interviews of any child and share information with other persons  
9 authorized to conduct an investigation of child abuse or neglect, as  
10 appropriate. A person reporting child abuse or neglect shall provide  
11 any person authorized to conduct an investigation of child abuse or  
12 neglect with all information related to the investigation that is in the  
13 possession or control of the person reporting child abuse or neglect,

14 except as expressly prohibited by state or federal law. The  
15 commissioner shall obtain the consent of parents or guardians or other  
16 persons responsible for the care of the child to any interview with a  
17 child, except that such consent shall not be required when the  
18 department has reason to believe such parent or guardian or other  
19 person responsible for the care of the child or member of the child's  
20 household is the perpetrator of the alleged abuse or that seeking such  
21 consent would place the child at imminent risk of physical harm. If  
22 consent is not required to conduct the interview, such interview shall  
23 be conducted in the presence of a disinterested adult unless immediate  
24 access to the child is necessary to protect the child from imminent risk  
25 of physical harm and a disinterested adult is not available after  
26 reasonable search."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	17a-101h