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

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

3 "Section 1. Section 2-53m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 (a) The [select] joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6 having cognizance of matters relating to children, in consultation with  
7 the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office of Legislative Research and the  
8 Commission on Children, shall maintain an annual report card that  
9 evaluates the progress of state policies and programs in promoting the  
10 result that all Connecticut children grow up in a stable living  
11 environment, safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives. Progress  
12 shall be measured by primary indicators of progress, including, but  
13 not limited to, indicators established in the final report of the  
14 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, prepared

15 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of public act 09-166, of state-  
16 wide rates of child abuse, child poverty, low birth weight, third grade  
17 reading proficiency, and the annual social health index developed  
18 pursuant to section 46a-131a. For each indicator, the data shall also be  
19 presented according to ethnicity or race, gender, geography and,  
20 where appropriate, age and other relevant characteristics. Said  
21 committee shall prepare the report card on or before January 15, 2012,  
22 and annually thereafter. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually  
23 thereafter, said committee shall make the report card available to the  
24 public on the Internet and on the web site of the General Assembly and  
25 shall transmit the report card electronically to (1) members of the joint  
26 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
27 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
28 and human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families,  
29 Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary  
30 of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court  
31 Administrator.

32 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, the [select] joint standing  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to children, in consultation with a working group of  
35 representatives of state agencies and departments, community  
36 organizations, private provider agencies operating programs that  
37 impact the well-being of children and families, parents and other  
38 caretakers of children, child advocacy organizations, health care  
39 professionals that serve children and families, schools, and child care  
40 providers, shall identify or develop (1) an indicator for measuring  
41 whether children are living with their families and have stability in  
42 their living environments, (2) secondary indicators for measuring  
43 progress within each area of children's well-being related to measuring  
44 progress in their health, safety, stability, education and future success,  
45 including, but not limited to, food security, and (3) key measures of  
46 performance of the state child welfare system, including, but not  
47 limited to, (A) rates of repeat maltreatment among victims of child  
48 abuse and neglect; (B) placement in out-of-home care among children

49 at risk of abuse and neglect; (C) child fatalities involving child abuse or  
 50 neglect; (D) rates of reunification and permanency for children  
 51 removed from their homes; and (E) the developmental and health  
 52 status and educational progress of children served by the child welfare  
 53 system and other appropriate measures of well-being and preparation  
 54 for success in life. Not less than annually, said committee shall: (i) With  
 55 the assistance of the working group, review the adequacy of primary  
 56 and secondary indicators, system-level performance measures, and  
 57 related data resources for such indicators and measures, and  
 58 determine whether there are more appropriate alternatives to  
 59 monitoring progress in achieving the result that all Connecticut  
 60 children grow up in a stable living environment, safe, healthy and  
 61 ready to lead successful lives, and (ii) in consultation with the results-  
 62 based accountability subcommittee of the joint standing committee of  
 63 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 64 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, identify programs  
 65 within the child welfare system that make a significant contribution to  
 66 achieving such result and require the entities administering such  
 67 programs to prepare annual report cards employing the results-based  
 68 format developed by said subcommittee."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	2-53m