



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 306**

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House Bill No. 5499

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2014*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of Children  
2 and Families shall conduct a study of all programs for children and  
3 families offered by the Department of Children and Families.

4 (b) The scope of the study shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
5 Whether current programs offered by the Department of Children and  
6 Families meet the needs of children and families, and (2) whether any  
7 programmatic or legislative changes are needed to better protect and  
8 serve children and families.

9 (c) Not later than July 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Children and  
10 Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
11 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of  
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
13 children and human services. Such report may include the

- 14 commissioner's recommendations for addressing identified gaps in the
- 15 provision of services and improving access to such services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to complete a study by 7/1/15. DCF entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Connecticut Health Center to complete a DCF needs assessment by 12/31/14. Phase III of this study should identify unmet needs and gaps in service.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

Sources: [http://www.ct.gov/dcf/lib/dcf/continuumofcare/pdf/needs\\_assessment\\_summary\\_2-12-13.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dcf/lib/dcf/continuumofcare/pdf/needs_assessment_summary_2-12-13.pdf)

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17    Nay 1    (03/18/2014)