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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the 2014 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council consisting  
5 of the following members or their designees: The Secretary of the  
6 Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the  
7 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority  
8 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of  
9 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social  
10 Services, Correction, Developmental Services, Mental Health and  
11 Addiction Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education,  
12 Housing, Agriculture and Economic and Community Development,  
13 the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the  
14 chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Child  
15 Advocate and the executive directors of the Commission on Children,

16 the Office of Early Childhood and the Commission on Human Rights  
17 and Opportunities. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
18 Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson of  
19 the council. The council shall (1) develop and promote the  
20 implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004, to reduce the  
21 number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty per cent, and  
22 (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention goals and  
23 recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes in  
24 accordance with this section in order to promote the health and well-  
25 being of children and families.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 4-67x of the 2014 supplement to the  
27 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
28 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (g) (1) On or before November first of each year from 2006 to 2014,  
30 inclusive, each budgeted state agency with membership on the council  
31 that provides prevention services to children shall, within available  
32 appropriations, report to the council in accordance with this  
33 subsection.

34 (2) Each agency report shall include at least two prevention services  
35 not to exceed the actual number of prevention services provided by the  
36 agency. For each prevention service reported by the agency, the agency  
37 report shall include (A) a statement of the number of children and  
38 families served, (B) a description of the preventive purposes of the  
39 service, (C) for reports due after November 1, 2006, a description of  
40 performance-based standards and outcomes included in relevant  
41 contracts pursuant to subsection (h) of this section, and (D) any  
42 performance-based vendor accountability protocols.

43 (3) Each agency report shall also include (A) long-term agency  
44 goals, strategies and outcomes to promote the health and well-being of  
45 children and families, (B) overall findings on the effectiveness of  
46 prevention within such agency, (C) a statement of whether there are  
47 methods used by such agency to reduce disparities in child

48 performance and outcomes by race, income level and gender, and a  
49 description of such methods, if any, and (D) other information the  
50 agency head deems relevant to demonstrate the preventive value of  
51 services provided by the agency. Long-term agency goals, strategies  
52 and outcomes reported under this subdivision may include, but need  
53 not be limited to, the following:

54 (i) With respect to health goals, increasing (I) the number of healthy  
55 pregnant women and newborns, (II) the number of youths who adopt  
56 healthy behaviors, and (III) access to health care for children and  
57 families;

58 (ii) With respect to education goals, increasing the number of  
59 children who (I) are ready for school at an appropriate age, (II) learn to  
60 read by third grade, (III) succeed in school, (IV) graduate from high  
61 school, and (V) successfully obtain and maintain employment as  
62 adults;

63 (iii) With respect to safety goals, decreasing (I) the rate of child  
64 neglect and abuse, (II) the number of children who are unsupervised  
65 after school, (III) the incidence of child and youth suicide, and (IV) the  
66 incidence of juvenile crime; and

67 (iv) With respect to housing goals, increasing access to stable and  
68 adequate housing.

69 (4) Each agency report shall also include (A) a list of agency  
70 programs that provide prevention services, (B) the actual prevention  
71 services expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year, and  
72 (C) the percentage of total actual agency expenditures in the most  
73 recently completed fiscal year that were actual prevention services  
74 expenditures.

75 Sec. 3. Section 4-67v of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from*  
76 *passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-67x(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-67x(g)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*