



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5569

LCO No. 2400



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD NURSERY FACILITY AT THE
CONNECTICUT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, NIAN TIC.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 18-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 The Commissioner of Correction may adopt regulations, in
4 accordance with chapter 54, after consultation with the warden of the
5 Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, [subject to the approval
6 of the commissioner, shall establish regulations in cooperation with]
7 and the Department of Children and Families, to provide for the
8 [placing of children] placement of infants born to inmates of the
9 Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, in order that an infant
10 shall not be maintained at said institution beyond (1) the planning
11 period for placement which [is not to] shall not exceed sixty calendar
12 days, or (2) a period not to exceed eighteen months as provided in
13 section 3 of this act, if applicable. [In any instance where] If the mother
14 of the infant objects in writing to the warden of said institution as to
15 such placement, the Department of Children and Families shall
16 provide for an administrative review of the placement action.

17 Sec. 2. Section 18-69a of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

19 The Commissioner of Correction may adopt regulations, in
20 accordance with chapter 54, after consultation with the warden of the
21 Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, and the Department of
22 Children and Families, subject to the same conditions as provided in
23 section 18-69, as amended by this act, and the provisions of section 3 of
24 this act, [shall establish regulations in cooperation with the
25 Department of Children and Families for the placing of children] to
26 provide for the placement of infants born to women who are being
27 detained at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, while
28 awaiting disposition of pending charges, or [have been] while
29 committed to the Commissioner of Correction for a term of [one year]
30 eighteen months or less, with respect to any period during which such
31 infant is not placed in the nursery facility at the Connecticut
32 Correctional Institution, Niantic, pursuant to section 3 of this act, in
33 order that [an] such infant may be placed directly from the facility
34 where such infant was delivered.

35 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of
36 Correction shall establish, within available appropriations, a nursery
37 facility at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, for the
38 placement of infants born to women who are being detained at the
39 Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, while awaiting
40 disposition of pending charges, or while committed to the
41 Commissioner of Correction for a term of eighteen months or less, in
42 order that such infant may be placed at the institution where such
43 infant was delivered. The commissioner may establish eligibility
44 criteria for placement of an infant in the nursery facility, which may
45 include, but need not be limited to, criteria that limit eligibility to
46 mothers who comply with any program, education, counseling or
47 other participation requirements established by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	18-69
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	18-69a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*