



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5038

House of Representatives, March 26, 2014

The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY CHILDREN.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of Children and
2 Families, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health,
3 shall, within available appropriations, conduct a study to evaluate the
4 health of children throughout the state. The commissioners shall
5 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
6 statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of
7 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
8 children on or before February 1, 2015.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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KID *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	greater than 500,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost of greater than \$500,000 in FY 15 to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF to conduct a study, within available appropriations and in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to evaluate the health of children throughout the state. As the bill does not mandate that the agency perform this study regardless of available funding, the \$500,000 cost is potential.

There are approximately 800,000 individuals under 18 in Connecticut. Since the aspects of children's health to be studied are not limited by the bill, physical, mental, behavioral and oral health could be included in its scope. As a point of reference, currently the University of Connecticut Health Center is conducting a comprehensive needs assessment of DCF's service and resource continuum that is costing DCF \$500,000 over a two year period.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact associated with this bill as DCF is tasked with reporting the findings of this study to the Committee on Children on or before 2/1/15.

Sources: *United States Census Bureau - State & County QuickFacts: Connecticut*

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/11/2014)