



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 863

Senate, March 10, 2015

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 46b-140 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (j) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the court may order
5 that a child be (1) committed to the Department of Children and
6 Families and, after consultation with said department, the court may
7 order that the child be placed directly in a residential facility within
8 this state and under contract with said department, or (2) committed to
9 the Commissioner of Children and Families for placement by the
10 commissioner, in said commissioner's discretion, (A) with respect to
11 the juvenile offenders determined by the Department of Children and
12 Families to be the highest risk, in the Connecticut Juvenile Training
13 School, if the juvenile offender is a male, or in another state facility,
14 presumptively for a minimum period of twelve months, or (B) in a

15 private residential or day treatment facility within or outside this state,
16 or (C) on parole. No such commitment may be ordered or continued
17 for any child who has attained the age of twenty. The commissioner
18 shall use a risk and needs assessment classification system to ensure
19 that [male] children who are in the highest risk level will be placed in
20 [the Connecticut Juvenile Training School] an appropriate secure
21 treatment setting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	46b-140(j)

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which conforms statute to current practice regarding risk and needs assessments for delinquents prior to commitment at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School or the Pueblo Unit for girls, does not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Children and Families.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 863*****AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to conduct risk and needs assessments to ensure that delinquent girls and delinquent boys in the highest risk level are placed in appropriate secure treatment settings. Current law requires DCF to conduct the assessments to ensure only that delinquent boys in the highest risk level are placed in the male-only Connecticut Juvenile Training School. The training school is currently the only secure facility for boys.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 0 (02/26/2015)