



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Public Hearing Testimony
Committee on Children
March 3, 2015**



S.B. No. 1007 AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY PLACEMENTS

The Department of Children and Families **offers the following comments regarding** S.B. No. 1007, An Act Concerning Permanency Placements.

This bill addresses many similar elements that are included in H.B. No. 6899, *An Act Expanding Guardianship Opportunities for Children and Implementing Provisions of the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act*. H.B. 6899 was submitted to the Committee by DCF to address requirements of Public Law 113-183, the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.

Compliance with various provisions of the new federal law doesn't necessarily require statutory change. H.B. 6899 includes all of the federal provisions that do require a statutory change. Other changes, including many included in S.B. 1007, can be accomplished through policy revisions. For example, the provision of S.B. 1007 which specifies that a child over 12 may name up to three people as resources in the Administrative Case Review (ACR) process can, and will be accomplished through policy. The Department has had a working group tasked with addressing the various policy changes meeting since November and we are on track to have necessary policy changes in place for July 1st.