



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 303**

LCO No. 2240



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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

SEN. BYE, 5th Dist.

SEN. BARTOLOMEO, 13th Dist.

SEN. CASSANO, 4th Dist.

SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd Dist.

SEN. CRISCO, 17th Dist.

SEN. FLEXER, 29th Dist.

SEN. KENNEDY, 12th Dist.

SEN. LARSON, 3rd Dist.

SEN. MOORE, 22nd Dist.

SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

SEN. WINFIELD, 10th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN EXPOSED TO FAMILY VIOLENCE.***

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a task force for the  
2 purpose of (1) evaluating existing policies and procedures used by the  
3 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental  
4 Health and Addiction Services, health care professionals, law  
5 enforcement, guardians ad litem, attorneys for minor children and the  
6 Judicial Branch for minors who are exposed to family violence, and (2)  
7 developing a state-wide model policy for use by (A) the Department of  
8 Children and Families, including organizations with which it contracts  
9 services; (B) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
10 including organizations with which it contracts services; (C) health  
11 care professionals; (D) guardians ad litem; (E) attorneys for minor  
12 children; (F) law enforcement; (G) and the Judicial Branch when  
13 responding to minors who are exposed to family violence.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To create a task force to ensure that state policy and practice offers effective, evidence-based models for strong intervention and prevention remedies for children and youth exposed to family violence.