



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 307

LCO No. 4542



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2016, the Department of Children and Families shall adopt and
3 implement the Performance-Based Standards program developed by
4 the United States Department of Justice for the purposes of improving
5 the Department of Children and Families' ability to (1) compile
6 information relating to incidents involving children housed in facilities
7 operated by the department, including, but not limited to, incidents of
8 violence, (2) analyze data regarding such incidents, and (3) respond to
9 trends identified during the analysis of such data.

10 (b) Upon implementation of the program, the Department of
11 Children and Families shall, not less than quarterly, report to the
12 Connecticut Juvenile Training School advisory group and the Child
13 Advocate regarding the information compiled pursuant to
14 subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
16 Commissioner of Children and Families shall report, in accordance
17 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
18 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
19 matters relating to children on the status of the program implemented
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the information compiled
21 pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this
22 section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To improve conditions at Department of Children and Families' facilities by requiring the department to adopt and implement the Performance-Based Standards program developed by the United States Department of Justice.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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