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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
2 Children and Families to retain an outside independent agency, such
3 as the Child Welfare League of America, to engage in a thorough
4 review of the department's child protection policies and procedures.
5 Such agency shall have unrestricted access to the department's records,
6 staff and facilities. Upon concluding its review, the agency shall submit
7 a report with recommendations for improvements in the department's
8 administrative and programmatic policies and procedures to the
9 committees on judiciary, human services and children that shall hold a
10 joint public hearing on such report not later than four weeks after
11 receiving such report. Not later than eight weeks after such hearing,
12 the department shall submit a plan to implement the
13 recommendations.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve child protection services within the Department of Children and Families by engaging in a thorough independent review of agency policies and procedures.