



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

**Public Hearing Testimony
Committee on Children
February 17, 2015**



**H.B. No. 6724 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATUTES**

The Department of Children and Families **supports** H.B. No. 6724, An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to the Department of Children and Families Statutes.

This bill makes minor changes to the statutes involving the Department of Children and Families.

Sections 1 through 4 delete obsolete references to "certified relatives" in §§ 17a-11(d), 17a-93, 17a-11b and 17a-114a. Section 24 of Public Act 12-1 (December Special Session) repealed the specific statutory authority of certified relative caregivers as the Department had stopped new placements of children with certified relatives over ten years ago because those placements did not qualify for federal Title IV-E reimbursement. Those certified relative caregivers in place at that time were "grandfathered"; however, no such placements have existed for the past several years.

Section 5 corrects references to the Department's Family Assessment Response program.

Sections 6 and 7 renames the "Adoption Resource Exchange" as the "Permanency Resource Exchange."