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"AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND THE DESIGNATION OF SURROGATE PARENTS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17a-6b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

5 (a) [The] On and after October 1, 2015, the Connecticut Juvenile
6 Training School board established pursuant to subsection (b) of this
7 section shall constitute a successor organization to the advisory group
8 for the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, established pursuant to
9 subsection (b) of section 17a-6. [.] The board shall provide an [on-
10 going] ongoing review of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and
11 the Pueblo Unit for girls with recommendations for improvement or
12 enhancement of such facilities and shall have access to the facilities
13 and all Department of Children and Families records relating to such
14 facilities and shall be empowered to make recommendations to the

15 department regarding improvements to such facilities. The board's
16 review shall include, but not be limited to:

17 (1) The number, age, ethnicity and race of the residents placed at the
18 [training school] facilities, including the court locations that sentenced
19 them, the number sentenced from each court location and the offenses
20 for which they were sentenced;

21 (2) The percentage of residents in need of substance abuse treatment
22 and the programming interventions provided to assist residents;

23 (3) A review of the program and policies of the [facility] facilities;

24 (4) The educational and literacy programs available to the residents,
25 including the educational level of residents, the number of residents
26 requiring special education and related services, including school
27 attendance requirements, the number of residents who are educated in
28 the alternative school and the reasons for such education;

29 (5) The vocational training programs available to the residents and
30 the actual number of residents enrolled in each training program,
31 including all vocational attendance requirements;

32 (6) The delinquency recidivism rates of such residents, which shall
33 include the number of children discharged to residential placement,
34 the number of children discharged due to expiration of the period of
35 commitment and the number of children returned to the [Connecticut
36 Juvenile Training School] facilities;

37 (7) The diagnosis of each resident after intake assessment;

38 (8) The costs associated with the operation of the [training school]
39 facilities, including staffing costs and average cost per resident;

40 (9) Reintegration strategies and plans to transition the residents to
41 their home communities; and

42 (10) A review of safety and security issues that affect the host

43 [municipality] municipalities.

44 (b) There is created a Connecticut Juvenile Training School board.
45 The board shall consist of the following members:

46 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

47 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

48 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
49 Representatives;

50 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

51 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
52 Representatives;

53 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

54 (7) Two appointed by the Governor.

55 (c) All appointments to the board shall be made not later than thirty
56 days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled
57 by the appointing authority.

58 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) The Department of Children and Families shall serve as
59 administrative staff of the ~~[advisory group]~~ board referred to in
60 subsection (a) of this section.

61 ~~[(c)]~~ (e) Not later than February 4, ~~[2004]~~ 2016, and annually
62 thereafter, the ~~[Commissioner of Children and Families]~~ board shall
63 hold a public hearing and report, in accordance with the provisions of
64 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
65 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary,
66 human services and children with respect to the Connecticut Juvenile
67 Training School and the Pueblo Unit for girls.

68 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) Each report required pursuant to subsection ~~[(c)]~~ (e) of this

69 section shall summarize the information and recommendations
70 specified in subsection (a) of this section and shall also include such
71 other information that the [Department of Children and Families]
72 board has identified as requiring immediate legislative action."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17a-6b