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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. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2016,  
4 the Department of Children and Families shall retain an outside  
5 independent agency, such as the Child Welfare League of America, to  
6 engage in a comprehensive review of the department's child protection  
7 policies and procedures. Such independent agency shall have  
8 unrestricted access to the department's records, staff and facilities.  
9 Upon concluding its review, such independent agency shall submit a  
10 report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
11 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, human services  
12 and children. Such report shall include recommendations for  
13 improvements in the department's administrative and programmatic  
14 policies and procedures and any recommendations for administrative  
15 or legislative action necessary to implement such improvements. Not

16 later than four weeks after receiving such report, said committees shall  
17 hold a joint public hearing on such report.

18 (b) Not later than eight weeks after such joint public hearing, the  
19 Department of Children and Families shall submit a report, in  
20 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
21 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
22 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, human services and  
23 children detailing a plan to implement the improvements  
24 recommended by the independent agency pursuant to subsection (a)  
25 of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section