



General Assembly

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Offered by:
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To: Senate Bill No. 842

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 surrogate parent program. The program shall be administered by the
5 Department of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of
6 Children and Families. Under the program, the Commissioner of
7 Education shall appoint a surrogate parent for foster children, as
8 defined in section 17a-110 of the general statutes, who are identified by
9 the Department of Children and Families and who reside in Region 3
10 of the Department of Children and Families. The surrogate parent shall
11 represent the foster child in the educational decision-making process,
12 provided the parent or guardian of the foster child: (1) Agrees or fails
13 to object to the appointment of a surrogate parent; (2) receives identical
14 notices as the surrogate parent; and (3) may revoke the appointment of
15 a surrogate parent at any time.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the
17 Commissioners of Children and Families and Education shall submit a
18 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
19 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
20 of matters relating to children and education on the program
21 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."

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