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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5587 File No. 301 Cal. No. 225

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES."

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

"Section 1. Section 17b-28 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (k) as follows (Effective July 1, 2016):

(NEW) (k) There is established, within the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, a standing subcommittee to study and make recommendations to the council on children and adults who have complex health care needs. The subcommittee shall consist of council members appointed by the chairpersons of the council and other individuals who shall serve for terms prescribed by the cochairpersons to advise the council on specific needs of children and adults with complex health care needs. For the purposes of completing
the reports required pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this
subsection, such individuals shall include, but need not be limited to:
(1) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; (2) a family
or child advocate; (3) the executive director of the Council on
Developmental Disabilities, or the executive director's designee; (4) the
executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public School
Superintendents, or the executive director's designee; (5) an expert in
the diagnosis, evaluation, education and treatment of children and
young adults with developmental disabilities; and (6) the Healthcare
Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee. The subcommittee
shall submit the following reports, in accordance with section 11-4a to
the council, the governor and the joint standing committees of the
General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,
human services and public health regarding the efficacy of support
systems for children and young adults, not older than twenty-one
years of age, with developmental disabilities and with or without co-
occurring mental health conditions:

(A) Not later than July 1, 2017, recommendations including, but not
limited to: (i) Metrics for evaluating the quality of state-funded
services to such children and young adults that can be utilized by state
agencies that fund such services; (ii) statutory changes needed to
promote effective service delivery for such children and young adults
and their families; and (iii) any other changes needed to address gaps
in services identified by the subcommittee or council with respect to
such children and their families; and

(B) Not later than January 1, 2018, an assessment of: (i) Early
intervention services available to such children and young adults in
this state; (ii) the system of community-based services for such
children and young adults; (iii) the treatment provided by congregate
care settings that are operated privately or by the state and provide
residential supports and services to such children and young adults
and how the quality of care is measured; and (iv) how the state
Department of Education, local boards of education, the Department of
Children and Families, the Department of Developmental Services and
other appropriate agencies can work collaboratively to improve educational, developmental, medical and behavioral health outcomes for such children and young adults and reduce the number at risk of entering institutional care. As used in this subsection, "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of an individual, as defined in 42 USC 15002, as amended from time to time."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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