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Proposed Bill No. 6297

LCO No. 2357



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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND
PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 17a of the general statutes be amended to require that
- 2 when a child or youth is admitted on a voluntary basis into an out-of-
- 3 home placement administered by the Department of Children and
- 4 Families for the purpose of obtaining treatment for a mental health
- 5 issue or developmental disability, the department shall be prohibited
- 6 from requesting, recommending or requiring that the child or youth's
- 7 parent or guardian terminate his or her parental rights with respect to
- 8 the child or youth or that the child or youth's parent or guardian
- 9 transfer legal custody of the child or youth to the department.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect parental rights when a child is voluntarily placed in out-of-home care for the purpose of obtaining treatment for a mental health issue or developmental disability.