



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 312**

**Public Act No. 18-71**

**AN ACT CONCERNING RISK ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

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

Section 1. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-101g of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(11) Not later than July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children for inclusion in the annual report card prepared pursuant to section 2-53m on the status of family assessment response. Such report shall include data from the previous calendar year, including, but not limited to: (A) The number of accepted reports of child abuse or neglect, and the percentage of reports assigned to the family assessment response track; (B) the disposition of families assigned a family assessment response; (C) for cases assigned to the family assessment response track, a breakdown by reporter type; (D) the number and percentage of family assessment response cases that changed track to investigations; (E) an analysis of the department's prior or subsequent involvement with a family that

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has been assigned to family assessment response, if applicable; (F) an analysis of the department's prior or subsequent involvement with a family that has been assigned to a community partner agency; (G) a description of services that are commonly provided to families referred to the community support for families program; (H) a description of the department's staff development and training practices relating to intake; (I) the number and percentage of referred families who were ultimately enrolled in the community support for families program; (J) the number and percentage of families receiving a family assessment response broken down by race and ethnicity; (K) the reason for discharge from the community support for families program, as identified in subdivision (7) of this subsection, broken down by race and ethnicity; [and] (L) a comparison of the needs identified and the needs addressed for families referred to the community support for families program; and (M) an analysis of the efficacy of the department's risk and safety assessment practices, including information concerning the methodology used to determine the reliability of such practices, the utilization of evidence-based practices and tools, and the effectiveness of such assessment practices for identifying children at risk for abuse or neglect.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families, in collaboration with the Commissioners of Early Childhood, Developmental Services and Social Services, shall develop investigation, assessment and case-planning procedures that are responsive to the needs of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(b) Not later than February 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report describing the procedures developed and any legislative recommendations arising from said collaboration, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in accordance with

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the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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