

# Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5189

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

**Vote Date:** 3/15/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/27/2018

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Committee on Children

Rep. Patrick S. Boyd, 50th Dist.

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To direct the court regarding the suspension of delinquency proceedings for fire-starting behavior treatment.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

### **Sarah Eagan, JD, Child Advocate, Office of the Child Advocate:**

The OCA respectfully offers content for these placeholder bills consistent with the recommendations submitted to committee members, namely to 1) improve transparency and accountability for DCF's current risk and safety assessment practices; 2) improving investigation and case planning for children with disabilities who are suspected or documented victims of abuse or neglect; and 3) improving transparency and accountability regarding incidents of abuse/neglect and institutional concerns in child-servicing facilities and institutions run by or licensed by the state of Connecticut.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

See response from administration/agency.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None submitted.

**Reported by: Mikhela Hull**

**Date: 3/26/18**