



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5333

House of Representatives, March 29, 2018

The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 17a-101k of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2018*):

4 (f) Following the issuance of a decision to uphold the finding and
5 absent any stay of that decision issued by the commissioner or the
6 court, the commissioner shall accurately reflect the information
7 concerning the finding in the child abuse and neglect registry
8 maintained pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and shall, in
9 accordance with section 17a-101g, forward to any agency or official the
10 information required to be disclosed pursuant to any provision of the
11 general statutes. If the internal review conducted pursuant to
12 subsection (c) of this section or hearing conducted pursuant to
13 subsection (d) of this section reveals that the individual against whom
14 a finding was upheld is employed in a capacity that requires such

15 individual to have regular contact with children and provide services
16 to or on behalf of children, the commissioner shall make a reasonable
17 effort to notify such individual's employer of the placement of such
18 individual on the registry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	17a-101k(f)

KID *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) make a reasonable effort to notify an individual's employer when an internal review/administrative hearing upholds a finding of abuse or neglect, and it is revealed that this individual is employed in a capacity that requires: (1) regular contact with children, and (2) the provision of services to, or on behalf, of children. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to DCF.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

By law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) maintains a child abuse and neglect registry that lists individuals whom the DCF commissioner found, based on reasonable cause, have abused or neglected a child. Such individuals have the right to (1) request an internal investigation and (2) appeal the investigation's results in an administrative hearing (the results of which may also be appealed in Superior Court).

Under the bill, if the internal review or the administrative hearing upholds the finding of abuse or neglect against the individual and reveals that he or she is employed in a capacity that requires him or her to (1) have regular contact with children and (2) provide services to or on behalf of children, the commissioner must make a reasonable effort to notify the individual's employer of his or her placement on the registry.

Under existing law, DCF must notify the employing superintendent and the Commissioner of Education when she completes an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect by a school employee, including if she recommends the employee's placement on the registry (CGS § 17a-101i).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/15/2018)