AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF YOUTHS PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME SETTINGS LICENSED, ADMINISTERED AND INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) Not later than February first of each year, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall annually compile a report concerning the safety and well-being of youths who have been placed by the commissioner in out-of-home settings that are licensed, administered or investigated by the Department of Children and Families during the preceding calendar year. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the number of investigations conducted by the Department of Children and Families concerning allegations of suspected abuse or neglect of youths in such settings, (2) the number and nature of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect of youths in such settings, (3) information concerning any corrective action plans implemented in response to investigations of abuse or neglect of youths in such settings or any other concerns about the safety or well-being of youths in such
settings, (4) the number of reports made to the department concerning youths who ran away or were away without leave from such settings, (5) the number of incidents of suspected or confirmed sexual trafficking of youths in such settings, (6) any discernable trends with respect to the safety and well-being of youths in such settings, and (7) any recommendations to improve the safety and well-being of youths in such settings.

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

| Section 1 | July 1, 2019 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to report annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and appropriations concerning the safety and well-being of youths placed in out-of-home settings that are licensed, administered and investigated by the Department of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]