AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MANDATED REPORTERS, THE DURATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS AND THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2) any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director,
18 athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private
19 institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older,
20 excluding student employees, (15) any police officer, (16) any juvenile
21 or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18)
22 any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical
23 therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any
24 podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician
25 assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency
26 medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or
27 certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed
28 marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault
29 counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-
30 146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any
31 person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for
32 a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child
33 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any
34 employee of the Department of Children and Families or any person
35 who, in the performance of such person's duties, has regular contact
36 with and provides services to or on behalf of children pursuant to a
37 contract with or credential issued by the Department of Children and
38 Families, (34) any employee of the Department of Public Health, (35)
39 any employee of the Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for
40 the licensing of child care centers, group child care homes, family child
41 care homes or youth camps, (36) any paid youth camp director or
42 assistant director, (37) the Child Advocate and any employee of the
43 Office of the Child Advocate, (38) any person who is a licensed
44 behavior analyst, [and] (39) any family relations counselor, family
45 relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by
46 the Judicial Department, (40) any victim services advocate employed
47 by the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department, and
48 (41) any employee of a juvenile justice program operated by or
49 pursuant to a contract with the Court Support Services Division of the
50 Judicial Department.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective July 1, 2019)*:

(a) Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, as provided in sections 17a-101a to 17a-101c, inclusive, or section 17a-103, in which the alleged perpetrator is (1) a person responsible for such child's health, welfare or care, (2) a person given access to such child by such responsible person, or (3) a person entrusted with the care of a child, the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, shall cause the report to be classified and evaluated immediately. If the report contains sufficient information to warrant an investigation, the commissioner shall make the commissioner's best efforts to commence an investigation of a report concerning an imminent risk of physical harm to a child or other emergency within two hours of receipt of the report and shall commence an investigation of all other reports within seventy-two hours of receipt of the report. A report classified by the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, as lower risk may be referred for family assessment and services pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. Any such report may thereafter be referred for standard child protective services if safety concerns for the child become evident. A report referred for standard child protective services may be referred for family assessment and services at any time if the department determines there is a lower risk to the child. If the alleged perpetrator is a school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, or is employed by an institution or facility licensed or approved by the state to provide care for children, the department shall notify the Department of Education or the state agency that has issued such license or approval to the institution or facility of the report and the commencement of an investigation by the Commissioner of Children and Families. The department shall complete any such investigation not later than [forty-five calendar] **thirty-three business** days after the date of receipt of the report. If the report is a report of child abuse or neglect in which the alleged perpetrator is not a person specified in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall refer the
report to the appropriate local law enforcement authority for the town in which the child resides or in which the alleged abuse or neglect occurred.

Sec. 3. Section 18-87j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

There is established a Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Court Administrator, the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or their designees, the executive director of the Court Support Services Division or other designee of the Chief Court Administrator and the following members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: Three government officials, a police chief, three persons representing offender and victim services within the private community and two public members. In addition, the Labor Commissioner and the Commissioner of Social Services, or their designees, shall be members of the commission with authority to deliberate and vote on matters concerning employment and entitlement programs available to adult and juvenile offenders who are reentering the community, the [Commissioner of Children and Families and the] Commissioner of Education, or [their designees] the commissioner's designee, shall be members of the commission with authority to participate and vote on matters concerning juvenile justice and the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, or [his or her] the commissioner's designee, shall be a member of the commission with authority to deliberate and vote on matters concerning veterans within the criminal justice system including the reentry needs of incarcerated veterans. The undersecretary of the

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Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division shall serve as chairperson of the commission. The commission shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.

Sec. 4. Sections 17a-62 and 17a-103c of the general statutes are repealed. (Effective July 1, 2019)

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

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