Committee on Children
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6184
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTIONS.
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Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
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REASONS FOR BILL:
To mandate the Office of Early childhood to construct a document regarding developmental milestones experienced by children from birth to age three and information on how to access the Child Development Infoline. Secondly, this bill would mandate the Office of Early Childhood to require child care centers, group child care homes, and family care homes to provide copies of documents in these centers and homes, and distribute copies of documents to parents and guardians of children who are enrolled in these homes under the age of three.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Beth Bye, Commissioner, Office of Early Childhood:
The commissioner testified in support of this bill. She mentioned that there are many factors that influence the development of a child’s brain. Early intervention services can positively impact a child’s development. She also mentioned that the Child Development Infoline provides parents with the resources they need to better help their children.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Melissa Olive, Applied Behavioral Strategies:
Melissa expressed her support for this bill. She mentioned that early intervention is extremely important in the development of children. She also mentioned that this bill will train early childhood teachers and health care providers to screen and refer for intervention in the early stages of a child’s life. Melissa urges the committee to provide funding for professional
development to identify red flags of autism and provide effective intervention for these children.

**Michael Weinberg, Connecticut Association for Behavioral Analysis:**
Michael expressed his support for this bill. He mentioned that early intervention is important to a child’s development. He also mentioned that professional development has a positive impact on the development of children.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**
None expressed.

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