Bill No.: SB-797  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.  
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SPONSORS OF BILL:  
Committee on Children  

REASONS FOR BILL:  
To compel the Commissioner of Children and Families to administer a study to establish whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Children and Families may increase the safety of children in Connecticut.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:  
Vannessa Dorantes, Commissioner-Designate, Department of Children and Families: The commissioner testified in support of this bill. The Department is committed to being transparent and building a partnership with policymakers. The commissioner mentioned that currently DCF is statutorily mandated to produce thirty-five reports each year on various issues concerning the children in Connecticut and suggested a review of each report to determine the best way to present the data to the Children's committee and other relevant parties. With this being said, the commissioner is concerned that this bill is suggesting the yearly reports currently compiled are not providing appropriate data and by reviewing each report clarification can be made to determine accurate collection and display of DCF data.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:  
See response from administration/agency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:  
None expressed.