AN ACT CONCERNING THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF GRANDCHILDREN WITH GRANDPARENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

Section 1. (Effective July 1, 2019) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of times during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending January 1, 2020, that (1) a child was placed in an out-of-home setting pursuant to section 17a-114 or 17a-115a of the general statutes, (2) a child was placed in the home of such child's grandparent pursuant to section 17a-114 or 17a-115a of the general statutes, (3) a grandparent sought placement of a grandchild in such grandparent's home pursuant to section 17a-114 or 17a-115a of the general statutes and such placement was denied and the reasons for such denial, and (4) the Department of Children and Families contacted or attempted to contact one or more of a child's grandparents prior to the placement of such child in an out-of-home setting pursuant to section 17a-114 or 17a-115a of the general statutes in order to alert such grandparent or grandparents to the necessity of finding an out-of-home placement for such child and ascertain such grandparent or grandparents' suitability as a placement.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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