



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

**Raised Bill No. 283**

LCO No. 2222



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT EXTENDING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2020, the  
2 Commissioner of Children and Families shall amend its policy  
3 regarding the age by which a person in the custody of the commissioner  
4 is eligible to receive legal representation through the department from  
5 age eighteen to twenty-three.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Children and Families to extend the age that a person in the custody of the department may receive legal representation through the department from age eighteen to twenty-three.

*[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.]*