



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6112

LCO No. 2628



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "court-
2 involved youths" means any individual under the age of eighteen years
3 who has had direct interaction with or is engaged in a proceeding before
4 any constituent court of the Judicial Branch, or receives services through
5 a program administered by or on behalf of the Judicial Branch.

6 (b) For the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December
7 31, 2022, the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall
8 conduct a survey of court-involved youths for the purpose of
9 determining the adequacy of existing Judicial Branch services with
10 respect to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths and the
11 need for any additional or improved services for such youths. Such
12 survey shall ascertain (1) the court-involved youth's (A) age, (B) race,
13 (C) sexual orientation, and (D) gender identity, and (2) any other
14 information deemed necessary by the division. No court-involved
15 youth shall be required to complete such survey, and the answers to
16 such survey shall be collected anonymously.

17 (c) Not later than July 1, 2023, the Court Support Services Division of
18 the Judicial Branch shall submit a report, in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to children. Such report shall include the results of the survey
22 conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and any
23 recommendations for additional or improved Judicial Branch services
24 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to conduct a survey of court-involved youths in order to ascertain the need for additional or improved services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

[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.]