



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 872**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING CHILDREN.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (f) The transfer of a child to a Department of Correction facility shall  
5 be limited as provided in subsection (e) of this section and said  
6 subsection shall not be construed to permit the transfer of or otherwise  
7 reduce or eliminate any other population of juveniles in detention or  
8 confinement within the Judicial Department. [or the Department of  
9 Children and Families.]

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17a-3 of the general statutes is  
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
12 *2021*):

13 (b) [(1) The department, with the assistance of the State Advisory  
14 Council on Children and Families, and in consultation with  
15 representatives of the children and families served by the department,  
16 providers of services to children and families, advocates, and others

17 interested in the well-being of children and families in this state, shall  
18 develop and regularly update a single, comprehensive strategic plan for  
19 meeting the needs of children and families served by the department. In  
20 developing and updating the strategic plan, the department shall  
21 identify and define agency goals and indicators of progress, including  
22 benchmarks, in achieving such goals. The strategic plan shall include,  
23 but not be limited to: (A) The department's mission statement; (B) the  
24 expected results for the department and each of its mandated areas of  
25 responsibility; (C) a schedule of action steps and a time frame for  
26 achieving such results and fulfilling the department's mission that  
27 includes strategies for working with other state agencies to leverage  
28 resources and coordinate service delivery; (D) strategies, informed by  
29 data on referrals, substantiations, removal, placements and retention, by  
30 which the department shall identify racial and ethnic disparities within  
31 child welfare practice and work to eliminate such disparities; (E)  
32 priorities for services and estimates of the funding and other resources  
33 necessary to carry them out; (F) standards for programs and services  
34 that are based on research-based best practices, when available; and (G)  
35 relevant measures of performance.

36 (2) The department shall begin the strategic planning process on July  
37 1, 2009. The department shall hold regional meetings on the plan to  
38 ensure public input and shall post the plan and the plan's updates and  
39 progress reports on the department's web site. The department shall  
40 submit the strategic plan to the State Advisory Council on Children and  
41 Families for review and comment prior to its final submission to the  
42 General Assembly and the Governor. On or before July 1, 2010, the  
43 department shall submit the strategic plan, in accordance with section  
44 11-4a, to the General Assembly and the Governor.

45 (3) The commissioner shall track and report on progress in achieving  
46 the strategic plan's goals not later than October 1, 2010, and quarterly  
47 thereafter, to said State Advisory Council. The commissioner shall  
48 submit a status report on progress in achieving the results in the  
49 strategic plan, in accordance with section 11-4a, not later than July 1,

50 2011, and annually thereafter to the General Assembly, the joint  
51 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
52 matters relating to children and the Governor.] Not later than July 1,  
53 2021, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit, in  
54 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
55 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
56 relating to children and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
57 and to the State Advisory Council of Children and Families the  
58 following reports for which the commissioner most recently received  
59 approval from the Administration for Children and Families pursuant  
60 to federal law: (1) The Child and Family Services Plan, (2) the Annual  
61 Progress and Services Report, (3) the Final Report of the Child and  
62 Family Services Review, and (4) any Program Improvement Plan.  
63 Thereafter, the commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the  
64 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
65 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and  
66 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and to the State  
67 Advisory Council of Children and Families said reports not later than  
68 thirty days after the Administration for Children and Families approves  
69 the reports.

70 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 17a-4 of the general statutes is  
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
72 *2021*):

73 (c) The duties of the council shall be to: (1) Recommend to the  
74 commissioner programs, legislation or other matters which will  
75 improve services for children and youths, including behavioral health  
76 services; (2) annually review and advise the commissioner regarding the  
77 proposed budget; (3) interpret to the community at large the policies,  
78 duties and programs of the department; (4) issue any reports it deems  
79 necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of Children and  
80 Families; (5) [assist in the development of and] review and comment on  
81 the [strategic plan developed by the department pursuant to] reports  
82 described in subsection (b) of section 17a-3, as amended by this act; (6)

83 [receive on a quarterly basis from the commissioner a status report on  
84 the department's progress in carrying out the strategic plan; (7)]  
85 independently monitor the department's progress in achieving its goals  
86 as expressed in [the strategic plan] such reports; and [(8)] (7) offer  
87 assistance and provide an outside perspective to the department so that  
88 it may be able to achieve the goals expressed in [the strategic plan] such  
89 reports.

90 Sec. 4. Section 17a-22bb of the general statutes is repealed and the  
91 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

92 (a) [(1)] The Commissioner of Children and Families, in consultation  
93 with representatives of the children and families served by the  
94 department, including children at increased risk of involvement with  
95 the juvenile justice system, providers of mental, emotional or behavioral  
96 health services for such children and families, advocates, and others  
97 interested in the well-being of children and families in this state, shall  
98 develop a comprehensive implementation plan, across agency and  
99 policy areas, for meeting the mental, emotional and behavioral health  
100 needs of all children in the state, and preventing or reducing the long-  
101 term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues  
102 on children. In developing the implementation plan, the department  
103 shall include, at a minimum, the following strategies to prevent or  
104 reduce the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and  
105 behavioral health issues on children:

106 [(A)] (1) Employing prevention-focused techniques, with an  
107 emphasis on early identification and intervention;

108 [(B)] (2) Ensuring access to developmentally-appropriate services;

109 [(C)] (3) Offering comprehensive care within a continuum of services;

110 [(D)] (4) Engaging communities, families and youths in the planning,  
111 delivery and evaluation of mental, emotional and behavioral health care  
112 services;

113 [(E)] (5) Being sensitive to diversity by reflecting awareness of race,  
114 culture, religion, language and ability;

115 [(F)] (6) Establishing results-based accountability measures to track  
116 progress towards the goals and objectives outlined in this section,  
117 sections 17a-22cc, 17a-22dd and 17a-248h and section 7 of public act 13-  
118 178;

119 [(G)] (7) Applying data-informed quality assurance strategies to  
120 address mental, emotional and behavioral health issues in children;

121 [(H)] (8) Improving the integration of school and community-based  
122 mental health services;

123 [(I)] (9) Enhancing early interventions, consumer input and public  
124 information and accountability by [(i)] (A) in collaboration with the  
125 Department of Public Health, increasing family and youth engagement  
126 in medical homes; [(ii)] (B) in collaboration with the Department of  
127 Social Services, increasing awareness of the 2-1-1 Infoline program; and  
128 [(iii)] (C) in collaboration with each program that addresses the mental,  
129 emotional or behavioral health of children within the state, insofar as  
130 they receive public funds from the state, increasing the collection of data  
131 on the results of each program, including information on issues related  
132 to response times for treatment, provider availability and access to  
133 treatment options; and

134 [(J)] (10) Identifying and addressing any increased risk of  
135 involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice system attributable to  
136 unmet mental, emotional and behavioral health needs of children.

137 [(2) Not later than April 15, 2014, the commissioner shall submit and  
138 present a status report on the progress of the implementation plan, in  
139 accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing  
140 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
141 relating to children and appropriations.

142 (3) On or before October 1, 2014, the commissioner shall submit and

143 present the implementation plan, in accordance with section 11-4a, to  
144 the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General  
145 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and  
146 appropriations.

147 (4) On or before October 1, 2015, and biennially thereafter through  
148 and including 2019, the department shall, in collaboration with the  
149 Department of Education, Department of Social Services, Department of  
150 Developmental Services, Office of Early Childhood, Department of  
151 Public Health and Court Support Services Division of the Judicial  
152 Branch, submit and present progress reports on the status of  
153 implementation, and any data-driven recommendations to alter or  
154 augment the implementation in accordance with section 11-4a, to the  
155 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
156 having cognizance of matters relating to children and appropriations.]

157 (b) Emergency mobile psychiatric service providers shall collaborate  
158 with community-based mental health care agencies, school-based health  
159 centers and the contracting authority for each local or regional board of  
160 education throughout the state, utilizing a variety of methods,  
161 including, but not limited to, memoranda of understanding, policy and  
162 protocols regarding referrals and outreach and liaison between the  
163 respective entities. These methods shall be designed to (1) improve  
164 coordination and communication in order to enable such entities to  
165 promptly identify and refer children with mental, emotional or  
166 behavioral health issues to the appropriate treatment program, and (2)  
167 plan for any appropriate follow-up with the child and family.

168 (c) Local law enforcement agencies and local and regional boards of  
169 education that employ or engage school resource officers shall,  
170 provided federal funds are available, train school resource officers in  
171 nationally recognized best practices to prevent students with mental  
172 health issues from being victimized or disproportionately referred to the  
173 juvenile justice system as a result of their mental health issues.

174 (d) The Department of Children and Families, in collaboration with

175 agencies that provide training for mental health care providers in urban,  
176 suburban and rural areas, shall provide phased-in, ongoing training for  
177 mental health care providers in evidence-based and trauma-informed  
178 interventions and practices.

179 (e) The state shall seek existing public or private reimbursement for  
180 (1) mental, emotional and behavioral health care services delivered in  
181 the home and in elementary and secondary schools, and (2) mental,  
182 emotional and behavioral health care services offered through the  
183 Department of Social Services pursuant to the federal Early and Periodic  
184 Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program under 42 USC 1396d.

185 [(f) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Children and  
186 Families, in collaboration with the Judicial Branch and the Department  
187 of Correction, shall submit a plan to prevent or reduce the negative  
188 impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children  
189 and youth twenty years of age or younger who are held in secure  
190 detention or correctional confinement, in accordance with section 11-4a,  
191 to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General  
192 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and  
193 appropriations.]

194 [(g)] (f) On or before October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
195 Commissioner of Correction shall compile records regarding the  
196 frequency and use of physical restraint and seclusion, as defined in  
197 section 46a-150, on children and youth twenty years of age or younger  
198 who are in the custody of the commissioner at the John R. Manson Youth  
199 Institution, Cheshire, and shall submit a report summarizing such  
200 records, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint  
201 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
202 matters relating to children. Such report shall address the prior year and  
203 shall indicate, at a minimum, the frequency that (1) physical restraint  
204 was used as (A) an emergency intervention, and (B) a nonemergency  
205 intervention, and (2) restricted housing or other types of administrative  
206 segregation or seclusion were used at such facility.

207 [(h) On or before October 1, 2018, the Department of Children and  
208 Families, in collaboration with the Children's Mental, Emotional and  
209 Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board, established  
210 pursuant to section 17a-22f, shall submit recommendations for  
211 addressing any unmet mental, emotional and behavioral health needs  
212 of children that are attributed to an increased risk of involvement in the  
213 juvenile and criminal justice systems, in accordance with section 11-4a,  
214 to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General  
215 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and  
216 appropriations.]

217 Sec. 5. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section  
218 46b-129 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
219 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

220 (B) (i) If a child is at least twelve years of age, the child's permanency  
221 plan, and any revision to such plan, shall be developed in consultation  
222 with the child. In developing or revising such plan, the child may  
223 consult up to two individuals participating in the department's case  
224 plan regarding such child, neither of whom shall be the foster parent or  
225 caseworker of such child. One individual so selected by such child may  
226 be designated as the child's advisor for purposes of developing or  
227 revising the permanency plan. Regardless of the child's age, the  
228 commissioner shall provide not less than five days' advance written  
229 notice of any permanency team meeting concerning the child's  
230 permanency plan to an attorney or guardian ad litem appointed to  
231 represent the child pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

232 (ii) If a child is at least twelve years of age, the commissioner shall  
233 notify the parent or guardian, foster parent and child of any  
234 administrative case review regarding such child's commitment not less  
235 than five days prior to such review and shall make a reasonable effort  
236 to schedule such review at a time and location that allows the parent or  
237 guardian, foster parent and child to attend.

238 (iii) If a child is at least twelve years of age, such child shall, whenever



239 possible, identify not more than three adults with whom such child has  
240 a significant relationship and who may serve as a permanency resource.  
241 The identity of such adults shall be recorded in the case plan of such  
242 child.

243 [(iv) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
244 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions  
245 of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
246 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and the  
247 judiciary, on the number of case plans in which children have identified  
248 adults with whom they have a significant relationship and who may  
249 serve as a permanency resource.]

250 Sec. 6. Section 17a-93 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
251 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

252 As used in sections 17a-90 to 17a-121a, inclusive, [and] sections 17a-  
253 145 to 17a-153, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 of this act:

254 (1) "Child" means any person under eighteen years of age, except as  
255 otherwise specified, or any person under twenty-one years of age who  
256 is in full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a  
257 college or a state-accredited job training program;

258 (2) "Parent" means natural or adoptive parent;

259 (3) "Adoption" means the establishment by court order of the legal  
260 relationship of parent and child;

261 (4) "Guardianship" means guardianship, unless otherwise specified,  
262 of the person of a minor and refers to the obligation of care and control,  
263 the right to custody and the duty and authority to make major decisions  
264 affecting such minor's welfare, including, but not limited to, consent  
265 determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed forces and  
266 major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment;

267 (5) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete severance by

268 court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights and  
269 responsibilities, between the child and the child's parent or parents so  
270 that the child is free for adoption except it shall not affect the right of  
271 inheritance of such child or the religious affiliation of such child;

272 (6) "Statutory parent" means the Commissioner of Children and  
273 Families or that child-placing agency appointed by the court for the  
274 purpose of giving a minor child or minor children in adoption;

275 (7) "Child-placing agency" means any agency within or without the  
276 state of Connecticut licensed or approved by the Commissioner of  
277 Children and Families in accordance with sections 17a-149 and 17a-151,  
278 and in accordance with such standards which shall be established by  
279 regulations of the Department of Children and Families;

280 (8) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting  
281 licensed by the Department of Children and Families for the out-of-  
282 home placement of (A) children or youths under eighteen years of age,  
283 or (B) any person under twenty-one years of age who is in full-time  
284 attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or state  
285 accredited job training program or is currently homeless or at risk of  
286 homelessness, as defined in section 17a-484a;

287 (9) "Protective supervision" means a status created by court order  
288 following adjudication of neglect whereby a child's place of abode is not  
289 changed but assistance directed at correcting the neglect is provided at  
290 the request of the court through the Department of Children and  
291 Families or such other social agency as the court may specify;

292 (10) "Receiving home" means a facility operated by the Department  
293 of Children and Families to receive and temporarily care for children in  
294 the guardianship or care of the commissioner;

295 (11) "Protective services" means public welfare services provided  
296 after complaints of abuse, neglect or abandonment, but in the absence  
297 of an adjudication or assumption of jurisdiction by a court;

298 (12) "Person responsible for the health, welfare or care of a child or  
299 youth" means a child's or a youth's parent, guardian or foster parent; an  
300 employee of a public or private residential home, agency or institution  
301 or other person legally responsible in a residential setting; or any staff  
302 person providing out-of-home care, such as the provision of child care  
303 services, as described in section 19a-77, in a child care center, group  
304 child care home or family child care home;

305 (13) "Foster family" means a person or persons, licensed by the  
306 Department of Children and Families or approved by a licensed child-  
307 placing agency, for the care of a child or children in a private home;

308 (14) "Prospective adoptive family" means a person or persons,  
309 licensed by the Department of Children and Families or approved by a  
310 licensed child-placing agency, who is awaiting the placement of, or who  
311 has a child or children placed in their home for the purposes of  
312 adoption; [and]

313 (15) "Person entrusted with the care of a child or youth" means a  
314 person given access to a child or youth by a person responsible for the  
315 health, welfare or care of a child or youth for the purpose of providing  
316 education, child care, counseling, spiritual guidance, coaching, training,  
317 instruction, tutoring or mentoring of such child or youth; [.]

318 (16) "Qualified residential treatment program" has the same meaning  
319 as provided in the Social Security Act, 42 USC 672(k)(4), as amended  
320 from time to time; and

321 (17) "Qualified individual" has the same meaning as provided in the  
322 Social Security Act, 42 USC 675a(c)(1), as amended from time to time.

323 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Children  
324 and Families shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions  
325 of chapter 54 of the general statutes establishing standards for qualified  
326 residential treatment programs and qualified individuals. Such  
327 standards shall include, but not be limited to, (1) staffing at such  
328 treatment programs, (2) the care and treatment of children cared for or

329 boarded in such treatment programs, (3) training and qualifications  
330 required for a qualified individual, and (4) documentation  
331 requirements. The commissioner may implement policies and  
332 procedures consistent with the provisions of this section while the  
333 commissioner is in the process of adopting such regulations, provided  
334 the commissioner shall publish notice of intention to adopt regulations  
335 on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the  
336 implementation of such policies and procedures. Any such policies and  
337 procedures shall be valid until such final regulations are effective.

338 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
339 "family" or "family member" means a person related to a child by birth,  
340 marriage or other legal means, or a fictive kin caregiver, as defined in  
341 section 17a-114 of the general statutes.

342 (b) On and after July 1, 2021, or upon approval by the federal  
343 Administration for Children and Families of the Connecticut Family  
344 First Prevention Plan developed by the Department of Children and  
345 Families, whichever is first, a child in the custody of the Commissioner  
346 of Children and Families pursuant to section 46b-129 of the general  
347 statutes, as amended by this act, who is placed in a qualified residential  
348 treatment program, shall, not later than thirty days after such  
349 placement, be assessed by a qualified individual designated by the  
350 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such  
351 qualified individual shall (1) assess the strengths and needs of the child  
352 using an age-appropriate, evidence-based, validated, functional  
353 assessment tool approved by the Secretary of Health and Human  
354 Services, (2) determine whether the needs of the child can be met by  
355 family members or through placement in a foster family, and, if such  
356 needs cannot be met, identify a setting that would provide the most  
357 effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive  
358 environment and be consistent with the goals for the child as specified  
359 in the permanency plan for the child, and (3) develop a list of child-  
360 specific short-term and long-term mental and behavioral health goals.  
361 A qualified individual shall work in conjunction with the child's family

362 permanency planning team while conducting an assessment under this  
363 section.

364 (c) If the qualified individual conducting an assessment under this  
365 section determines that a child should not be placed with family  
366 members or in a foster family, the qualified individual shall specify in  
367 writing why the needs of the child cannot be met by the child's family  
368 or in a foster family, provided a shortage or lack of availability of foster  
369 family homes shall not be an acceptable reason for a determination that  
370 the child's needs cannot be met in a foster family. If the qualified  
371 individual recommends that a child should be placed in a qualified  
372 residential treatment program, the qualified individual shall further  
373 specify in writing why placement in the qualified residential treatment  
374 program will provide the child with the most effective and appropriate  
375 level of care in the least restrictive environment and how such  
376 placement is consistent with the goals specified in the permanency plan  
377 for the child. Such written assessment shall be submitted to the  
378 commissioner.

379 (d) (1) On and after July 1, 2021, or upon approval by the federal  
380 Administration for Children and Families of the Connecticut Family  
381 First Prevention Plan developed by the Department of Children and  
382 Families, whichever is first, the Commissioner of Children and Families,  
383 not later than thirty-five days after the placement of a child who is in the  
384 custody of the commissioner pursuant to section 46b-129 of the general  
385 statutes, as amended by this act, in a qualified residential treatment  
386 program, shall file a motion with the Superior Court that has venue over  
387 such matter for review of the written assessment required pursuant to  
388 subsection (c) of this section, unless such child has been discharged from  
389 the qualified residential treatment program.

390 (2) Not later than fifteen days after a motion for review is filed  
391 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall (A) review  
392 the findings from the assessment of the child and the determination  
393 made pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and the written  
394 assessment required pursuant to subsection (c) of this subsection; and

395 (B) determine whether the needs of the child can be met through  
396 placement with a foster family and, if not, whether placement of the  
397 child in the qualified residential treatment program provides the most  
398 effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive  
399 environment and that such placement is consistent with the goals  
400 specified in the permanency plan for the child. The purpose of the  
401 determination made pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision  
402 shall be solely for allowing the Commissioner of Children and Families  
403 to receive foster care maintenance payments pursuant to Title IV-E of  
404 the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time.

405 (e) Following the court's approval or disapproval pursuant to  
406 subsection (d) of this section, the Commissioner of Children and  
407 Families shall submit evidence to the court at any hearing held with  
408 respect to a child that remains placed in a qualified residential treatment  
409 program, (1) demonstrating that (A) ongoing assessment of the  
410 strengths and needs of the child continues to support the determination  
411 that the needs of the child cannot be met through placement in a foster  
412 family, (B) the placement in the qualified residential treatment program  
413 provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in  
414 the least restrictive environment, and (C) the placement is consistent  
415 with the goals specified in the permanency plan for the child; (2)  
416 documenting the specific treatment or service needs that will be met for  
417 the child in the placement and the length of time the child is expected to  
418 need such treatment or services; and (3) documenting efforts made by  
419 the commissioner to prepare the child to return home or to be placed  
420 with a family member, a legal guardian, an adoptive parent or in a foster  
421 family.

422 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 17a-4 of the general statutes is  
423 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
424 *1, 2021*):

425 (a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and Families  
426 which shall consist of [nineteen] twenty members as follows: (1)  
427 [~~Thirteen~~] Fourteen members appointed by the Governor, including two

428 persons who are child care professionals, two persons eighteen to  
429 twenty-five years of age, inclusive, served by the Department of  
430 Children and Families, one child psychiatrist licensed to practice  
431 medicine in this state, [and] one health care professional who has  
432 expertise in children's health and is licensed in the state, one attorney  
433 who has expertise in legal issues related to children and youth and seven  
434 persons who shall be representative of young persons, parents and  
435 others interested in the delivery of services to children and youths,  
436 including child protection, behavioral health and prevention services, at  
437 least four of whom shall be parents, foster parents or family members of  
438 children who have received, or are receiving, behavioral health services  
439 or child welfare services; and (2) six members representing the regional  
440 advisory councils established pursuant to section 17a-30, appointed one  
441 each by the members of each council. [On and after October 1, 2014, no]  
442 Not more than half the members of the council shall be persons who  
443 receive income from a private practice or any public or private agency  
444 that delivers mental health, substance abuse, child abuse prevention and  
445 treatment or child welfare services. Members of the council shall serve  
446 without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in the  
447 performance of their duties. The Department of Children and Families  
448 shall provide the council with funding to facilitate the participation of  
449 those members representing families and youth, as well as for other  
450 administrative support services. Members shall serve on the council for  
451 terms of two years each and no member shall serve for more than three  
452 consecutive terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio member of  
453 the council without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any member  
454 who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all  
455 meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned.  
456 The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to act in the  
457 chairperson's absence.

458       Sec. 10. Section 17a-63 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
459 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	46b-127(f)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17a-3(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17a-4(c)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	17a-22bb
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	46b-129(k)(1)(B)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	17a-93
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	17a-4(a)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*