



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1084

LCO No. 5703



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN DATA
RELATING TO PARENTS WHO HAVE THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS
TERMINATED.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Children and Families, in collaboration with the Commissioner of
3 Correction, shall collect data relating to petitions for the termination of
4 parental rights, as defined in section 17a-93 of the general statutes,
5 including petitions involving parents whose parental rights are
6 terminated while incarcerated. Not later than January 1, 2022, the
7 Department of Children and Families shall publish on the department's
8 Internet web site aggregate data and analysis, which shall include, but
9 not be limited to:

10 (1) The number of incarcerated parents who are named in
11 termination of parental rights petitions;

12 (2) The number of children who are in foster care due to the
13 termination of parental rights of an incarcerated parent;

14 (3) A statistical analysis of the likelihood of a parent who is
15 incarcerated having his or her parental rights terminated as compared
16 to a parent who is not incarcerated;

17 (4) The types of residential placements used for the children of
18 incarcerated parents whose parental rights are terminated;

19 (5) The percentage of parents who consent to the termination of
20 parental rights and the reasons why such parents consent to the
21 termination of parental rights, including whether such consent is
22 attributable to incarceration; and

23 (6) Demographic data about persons whose parental rights are
24 terminated.

25 (b) Data published pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not
26 include any personally identifiable information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the collection and publication of certain data relating to parents who have their parental rights terminated, including parents whose parental rights are terminated while incarcerated.

[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.]