



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 48**

January Session, 2023

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1005

*Senate, March 13, 2023*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MAHER, C. of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE POST-PANDEMIC NEEDS OF CHILDREN.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 24 of public act 22-81 is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to continue to study the  
4 comprehensive needs of children in the state and the extent to which  
5 such needs are being met by educators, community members and local  
6 and state agencies. The task force shall (1) address subdivisions (1) to  
7 (6), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 30 of public act 21-46, (2)  
8 provide recommendations to meet the demand for infant and toddler  
9 care in the state by increasing access to and enrollment in child care  
10 centers, group child care homes and family child care homes, and  
11 identify resources to assist such centers and homes in meeting such  
12 demand, [and] (3) study the feasibility of adjusting school start times to  
13 improve students' mental and physical well-being, and (4) conduct a  
14 needs assessment for children that identifies gaps between existing

15 conditions and desired outcomes, and the extent to which such gaps are  
16 attributable to the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As used in this  
17 section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the  
18 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,  
19 and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health  
20 Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the members appointed to the task  
22 force to study the comprehensive needs of children pursuant to  
23 subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46, except that if any member  
24 declines such appointment, a new appointee shall be selected by the  
25 appointing authority pursuant to said subsection. On and after the  
26 effective date of this section, the membership of the task force shall  
27 include a representative from the Connecticut Youth Services  
28 Association, designated by the association.

29 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
30 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46 may be a  
31 member of the General Assembly.

32 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
33 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
34 be filled by the appointing authority not later than thirty days after the  
35 vacancy occurs. If a vacancy is not filled by the appointing authority, the  
36 chairpersons of the task force may fill such vacancy.

37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
38 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
39 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
40 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
41 days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children  
44 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, the task force

46 shall update the report issued pursuant to subsection (g) of section 30 of  
 47 public act 21-46, and submit such updated report and any additional  
 48 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
 49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in  
 50 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
 51 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
 52 [January] July 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 22-81, Sec. 24

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the children's task force to conduct a needs assessment resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to carry out the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 3 (02/24/2023)