



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6640

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING HOME VISITS AND EVALUATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) When the Commissioner of
2 Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, conducts a
3 mandatory visit to or evaluation of a home where a child in the care
4 and custody of the commissioner has been or may be placed, the
5 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall not conduct such
6 visit or evaluation by telephonic, video or other conferencing platform
7 if (1) such child is under six years of age, (2) such child is six years of
8 age or older and not enrolled in a public school or nonpublic school,
9 (3) such visit is conducted pursuant to section 17a-101g of the general
10 statutes, (4) such child's case has been referred to the Department of
11 Children and Families' ongoing services unit and such case has been
12 deemed moderate or high risk or the department has identified a
13 safety factor and instituted a safety plan after conducting a risk
14 assessment, (5) the department has approved a family arrangement in
15 such child's case, (6) such child has been placed in foster care, a group
16 home or a residential treatment program, (7) such child is nonverbal or
17 cannot communicate adequately due to a disability, or (8) the
18 immediately preceding visit to or evaluation of such home by the
19 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, was conducted by
20 telephonic, video or other conferencing platform.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "is required to visit or evaluate" was changed to "conducts a mandatory visit to or evaluation of", and "such visit or evaluation shall not be conducted" was changed to "the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall not conduct such visit or evaluation" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

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