



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 126**

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House Bill No. 5260

*House of Representatives, March 26, 2024*

The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF SHORT-TERM ASSESSMENT AND RESPITE GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the  
2 Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report, in  
3 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
4 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
5 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include an  
6 evaluation of short-term assessment and respite group homes operated  
7 or licensed by the Department of Children and Families that provide  
8 temporary congregate care to children. Such evaluation shall consider  
9 the (1) efficacy of such homes in providing care to children with  
10 significant behavioral health treatment needs, (2) ability of the  
11 department to retain qualified staff in such homes, (3) ability of the  
12 department to provide specialized training for such staff, and (4)  
13 availability of structured pro-social, therapeutic and clinical services in  
14 such homes.

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

**KID**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Children and Families to submit a report by 1/1/2025 that includes an evaluation of short-term assessment and respite group homes, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state and municipalities as it is anticipated that department staff have the expertise needed to submit this report.

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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

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/12/2024)