

Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-127

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS, CERTAIN SUBSIDIES, URGENT CRISIS CENTERS, DEPARTMENTAL

Title: RECORDS AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

Vote Date: 2/29/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/22/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Children

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill seeks to ease criminal history checks for some foster care applicants and raise the age requirement for checks on individuals in their households from 16 to 18. It also allows adoptive parent subsidies to be transferred to new guardians and grants access to specific records for the Department of Public Health.

Additionally, it mandates sharing educational records with the Department of Children and Families, appoints special police officers for the Department of Children and Families, and includes minor technical amendments.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Commissioner-Designate, Jodi Hill-Lily](#), supports this bill as part of its legislative agenda this session. The Testimony covers and explains in detail each legislative addition that is included in this bill. Including kin foster licensing, adoption subsidies, urgent crisis centers, DCF records, special police officers, and statutory language change.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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