



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5260

LCO No. 1379



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

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) the
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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to submit a report concerning short-term assessment and respite group homes for children that are operated or licensed by the Department of Children and Families.

[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.]