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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT 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, 2026*) Not later than October 15,  
2 2027, and annually thereafter, the Department of Children and Families  
3 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
4 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
5 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and  
6 appropriations, concerning the business of the department during the  
7 preceding fiscal year. Such report shall not contain personally  
8 identifying information, and shall include, but need not be limited to:

9 (1) Data illustrating the utilization of the department's services by  
10 race and ethnicity, an assessment of any trends in such utilization and  
11 recommendations for results-based accountability measures to ensure  
12 parity in access to such services;

13 (2) Data sufficient to demonstrate the Commissioner of Children and  
14 Families' compliance with the provisions of subsections (a), (c) and (e)  
15 of section 17a-10a of the general statutes, as amended by this act,

16 including the (A) total number of children who have one or more  
17 siblings and are in the care and custody of the commissioner pursuant  
18 to temporary placements or orders of commitment, (B) total number of  
19 such children who have had documented sibling visitation, and (C)  
20 number of sibling pairs involved in each placement;

21 (3) Information regarding the facilities enumerated in section 17a-32  
22 of the general statutes, including (A) aggregate profiles of the residents  
23 of such facilities, (B) descriptions of and updates concerning major  
24 initiatives affecting such facilities, (C) the outcomes and benefits derived  
25 from such initiatives, (D) costs associated with operating each such  
26 facility, and (E) descriptions of educational, vocational and literacy  
27 programs and behavioral, treatment and other services available to  
28 residents of such facilities and the outcomes associated with such  
29 programs and services;

30 (4) The number of written reports concerning suspected animal harm,  
31 neglect or cruelty (A) made by employees of the department pursuant  
32 to section 17a-100a of the general statutes, and (B) indicated in reports  
33 received by the commissioner pursuant to section 22-329b of the general  
34 statutes;

35 (5) Information regarding the department's family assessment  
36 response program established pursuant to section 17a-101g of the  
37 general statutes, as amended by this act, including (A) the number of  
38 accepted reports of child abuse or neglect and the percentage of such  
39 reports assigned to such program, (B) the disposition of families  
40 assigned to such program, (C) the number of each type of reporter that  
41 made reports that were assigned to such program, (D) the number and  
42 percentage of reports assigned to such program that resulted in an  
43 investigation, (E) an analysis of the department's prior or subsequent  
44 involvement with each family that was the subject of a report assigned  
45 to such program, as applicable, (F) an analysis of the department's prior  
46 or subsequent involvement with each family assigned to a community  
47 partner agency, (G) a description of services commonly provided to

48 families referred to the department's community support for families  
49 program, (H) a description of the department's staff development and  
50 training practices concerning report intake, (I) the number and  
51 percentage of families referred to the family assessment response  
52 program that were enrolled in the community support for families  
53 program, (J) the reasons identified by community providers for families'  
54 discharge from services pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (g) of  
55 section 17a-101g of the general statutes, as amended by this act,  
56 categorized by race and ethnicity, (K) a comparison of the family needs  
57 identified and addressed by the community support for families  
58 program, and (L) an analysis for the efficacy of the department's risk  
59 and safety assessment practices, including information concerning the  
60 (i) methodology used to determine the reliability of such practices, (ii)  
61 utilization of evidence-based practices and tools, and (iii) effectiveness  
62 of such practices for identifying children at risk for abuse or neglect;

63 (6) Information regarding private providers that contract with the  
64 department, including the (A) number of service types provided  
65 pursuant to each provider's contract with the department, and  
66 measurable outcomes for each such type, (B) incorporation of such  
67 outcomes into contracts, (C) achievement of such outcomes and other  
68 quality indicators as noted in annual evaluations of each provider, and  
69 (D) application of outcome information into quality improvement  
70 efforts;

71 (7) Information regarding the (A) methods used by the department  
72 to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory foster care licensing  
73 requirements, (B) methods used by the department to assess the needs  
74 of children and youths in foster care and provide support for foster  
75 parents to enable such parents to meet the needs of such children and  
76 youths, (C) safeguards employed by the department when licensing  
77 relative caregivers with histories of child abuse or neglect or psychiatric  
78 illness or criminal records, (D) processes used by the department to  
79 reverse substantiated findings of child abuse or neglect or child abuse  
80 and neglect registry findings with respect to prospective relative

81 caregivers, (E) number of reports of child abuse or neglect concerning  
82 children and youths residing in foster homes licensed by the department  
83 and the number of substantiated reports, (F) number of foster home  
84 licenses revoked and foster home license applications denied by the  
85 department, (G) results of departmental audits of licensing practices,  
86 and (H) number and type of safety concerns with respect to licensed  
87 foster homes identified by the department through the department's  
88 assessment of regulatory compliance system, and any corresponding  
89 corrective actions taken; and

90 (8) Information regarding the diversion of children under the age of  
91 eighteen from the juvenile justice and court systems, including the (A)  
92 number of times any such child was diverted, (B) total number of such  
93 children diverted, (C) type of services provided to each such child, (D)  
94 program or process through which each such child was diverted, and  
95 (E) age of each such child.

96 Sec. 2. Section 17a-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

98 The Commissioners of Children and Families, Social Services and  
99 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, not later than October 1,  
100 2026, and annually thereafter, conduct an [annual] evaluation of the  
101 Behavioral Health Partnership and [shall] submit a report, in accordance  
102 with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
103 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
104 the budgets of state agencies, public health, human services and  
105 children on the provision of behavioral health services under the  
106 Behavioral Health Partnership, including information on the status of  
107 any administrative services organization implementation, the status of  
108 [the collaboration among] collaborative efforts between the  
109 Departments of Children and Families, Social Services and Mental  
110 Health and Addiction Services, the services provided, the number of  
111 persons served, program outcomes, [and] spending by child and adult  
112 populations and estimated cost savings, if any, resulting from the

113 implementation of the Behavioral Health Partnership.

114 Sec. 3. Section 17a-8b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

116 The Department of Children and Families shall report any missing or  
117 abducted child who was committed to the custody of the commissioner  
118 to the (1) law enforcement authority having jurisdiction over the  
119 geographical area from which the child was reported missing or was  
120 abducted, and (2) National Center for Missing or Exploited Children.  
121 The department shall make such report immediately, but in no case later  
122 than twenty-four hours after the child is determined to be missing or  
123 abducted. [ , to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime  
124 Information Center and to the National Center for Missing and  
125 Exploited Children.]

126 Sec. 4. Section 10-19m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

128 (a) For the purposes of this section, "youth" means a person from birth  
129 to eighteen years of age. Any one or more municipalities or any one or  
130 more private youth-serving organizations, designated to act as agents  
131 of one or more municipalities or local or regional boards of education,  
132 may establish a multipurpose youth service bureau for the purposes of  
133 evaluation, planning, coordination and implementation of services,  
134 including prevention and intervention programs for delinquent,  
135 predelinquent, pregnant, parenting and troubled youths referred to  
136 such bureau by local or regional boards of education, police, juvenile  
137 courts, adult courts, local youth-serving agencies, parents and self-  
138 referrals. A youth service bureau shall be the coordinating unit of  
139 community-based services to provide comprehensive delivery of  
140 prevention, intervention, treatment and follow-up services.

141 (b) A youth service bureau established pursuant to subsection (a) of  
142 this section may provide, but shall not be limited to the delivery of, the  
143 following services: (1) Individual and group counseling; (2) parent

144 training and family therapy; (3) work placement and employment  
145 counseling; (4) alternative and special educational opportunities; (5)  
146 recreational and youth enrichment programs; (6) outreach programs to  
147 ensure participation and planning by the entire community for the  
148 development of regional and community-based youth services; (7)  
149 preventive programs, including youth pregnancy, youth suicide,  
150 violence, alcohol and drug prevention; and (8) programs that develop  
151 positive youth involvement. Such services shall be designed to meet the  
152 needs of youths by the diversion of troubled youths from the justice  
153 system as well as by the provision of opportunities for all youths to  
154 function as responsible members of their communities.

155 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt  
156 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
157 establishing minimum standards for such youth service bureaus and the  
158 criteria for qualifying for state cost-sharing grants, including, but not  
159 limited to, allowable sources of funds covering the local share of the  
160 costs of operating such bureaus, acceptable in-kind contributions and  
161 application procedures. [The commissioner shall, on December 1, 2011,  
162 and biennially thereafter, report to the General Assembly on the referral  
163 or diversion of children under the age of eighteen years from the  
164 juvenile justice system and the court system. Such report shall include,  
165 but not be limited to, the number of times any child is so diverted, the  
166 number of children diverted, the type of service provided to any such  
167 child, by whom such child was diverted, the ages of the children  
168 diverted and such other information and statistics as the General  
169 Assembly may request from time to time. Any such report shall contain  
170 no identifying information about any particular child.]

171 Sec. 5. Section 17a-10a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
172 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

173 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall ensure that a  
174 child placed in the care and custody of the commissioner pursuant to an  
175 order of temporary custody or an order of commitment is provided

176 visitation with such child's parents and siblings, unless otherwise  
177 ordered by the court.

178 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that such child's visits with his or  
179 her parents, or opportunities to communicate with such child's parents  
180 and siblings by telephonic, video or other conferencing platform in  
181 accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, shall  
182 occur as frequently as reasonably possible, based upon consideration of  
183 the best interests of the child, including the age and developmental level  
184 of the child, and shall be sufficient in number and duration to ensure  
185 continuation of the relationship.

186 (c) If such child has an existing relationship with a sibling and is  
187 separated from such sibling as a result of intervention by the  
188 commissioner including, but not limited to, placement in a foster home  
189 or in the home of a relative, the commissioner shall, based upon  
190 consideration of the best interests of the child, ensure that such child has  
191 access to and visitation rights with such sibling throughout the duration  
192 of such placement. In determining the number, frequency and duration  
193 of sibling visits, the commissioner shall consider the best interests of  
194 each sibling, given each child's age and developmental level and the  
195 continuation of the sibling relationship. If the child and his or her sibling  
196 both reside within the state and within fifty miles of each other, the  
197 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, ensure that such  
198 child's visits with his or her sibling occur, on average, not less than once  
199 per week, unless the commissioner finds that the frequency of such  
200 visitation is not in the best interests of each sibling.

201 (d) In the event of a pandemic or outbreak of a communicable disease  
202 resulting in a declaration of a public health emergency by the Governor  
203 pursuant to section 19a-131a, or a declaration of a national emergency  
204 by the President of the United States, such child shall be provided  
205 opportunities to communicate with such child's parents and siblings by  
206 telephonic, video or other conferencing platform in lieu of in-person  
207 visitation, for the duration of any such declaration. Not later than

208 January 1, 2022, the commissioner shall develop a policy that requires  
209 the temporary cessation of in-person visitation provided pursuant to  
210 this section, on a case-by-case basis, in the event that a child or such  
211 child's parent or sibling is seriously ill due to a communicable disease,  
212 and visitation could result in the contraction of such disease by one or  
213 more participants in the visitation. Such policy shall require that such  
214 child be provided an opportunity to communicate with such child's  
215 parents and siblings by telephonic, video or other conferencing platform  
216 in lieu of such visitation. The commissioner shall define "seriously ill"  
217 and "communicable disease" for the purposes of carrying out this  
218 subsection.

219 (e) The commissioner shall include in each child's case record  
220 information relating to the factors considered in making visitation  
221 determinations pursuant to this section. If the commissioner determines  
222 that such visits are not in the best interests of the child, that the  
223 occurrence of, on average, not less than one visit per week with his or  
224 her sibling is not in the best interests of each sibling, or that the number,  
225 frequency or duration of the visits requested by the child's attorney or  
226 guardian ad litem is not in the best interests of the child, the  
227 commissioner shall include the reasons for such determination in the  
228 child's case record.

229 [(f) On or before October first of each year, the commissioner shall  
230 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint  
231 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
232 matters relating to children, data sufficient to demonstrate compliance  
233 with subsections (a), (c) and (e) of this section. Such data shall include  
234 the total annual number of children in out-of-home placements who  
235 have siblings, the total number of child cases with documented sibling  
236 visitation and the number of individual siblings involved in each case.]

237 Sec. 6. Section 17a-22ii of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
238 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
239 *1, 2026*):

240 (a) There is established a Mental and Behavioral Health Treatment  
241 Fund, which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall  
242 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, the  
243 resources of which shall be used by the Commissioner of Children and  
244 Families to assist families with the cost of obtaining (1) a drug or  
245 treatment prescribed for a child by a health care provider for the  
246 treatment of a mental or behavioral health condition if the cost of such  
247 drug or treatment is not covered by insurance or Medicaid, and (2)  
248 intensive evidence-based services or other intensive services to treat  
249 mental and behavioral health conditions in children and adolescents,  
250 including, but not limited to, intensive in-home child and adolescent  
251 psychiatric services and services provided by an intensive outpatient  
252 program, if the cost of such services is not covered by insurance or  
253 Medicaid. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish  
254 eligibility criteria for families to receive such assistance. Such eligibility  
255 requirements (A) shall include that a family has sought and been denied  
256 coverage or reimbursement for such drug or treatment or such intensive  
257 services by the family's health carrier, and (B) may include, but need not  
258 be limited to, a family's financial need. Not later than January 1, 2023,  
259 the Commissioner of Children and Families shall begin accepting  
260 applications for such assistance.

261 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families may accept on behalf  
262 of the fund any federal funds or private grants or gifts made for  
263 purposes of this section. The commissioner shall use such funds to make  
264 grants to families for the purposes described in this section.

265 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Departments of Children and  
266 Families and Consumer Protection and the Office of Policy and  
267 Management shall post in a conspicuous location on their respective  
268 Internet web sites a description of the grant program, including, but not  
269 limited to, the eligibility requirements and application process for the  
270 grant program. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Department of  
271 Children and Families shall (1) post such description on the Internet web  
272 site administered by the department that contains information

273 regarding resources for connecting children and families to behavioral  
274 health services, (2) include such description on the documents  
275 developed by the department pursuant to section 17a-22r, and (3)  
276 provide such description to the 2-1-1 Infoline program operated by the  
277 United Way of Connecticut. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
278 Management may request that another state agency post such  
279 description on such agency's Internet web site.

280 [(d) On or before January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
281 Commissioner of Children and Families shall report, in accordance with  
282 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
283 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
284 health regarding the effectiveness of the grant program established  
285 under subsection (b) of this section.]

286 Sec. 7. Subsection (g) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes is  
287 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
288 *2026*):

289 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (f),  
290 inclusive, of this section, the commissioner may establish a program of  
291 family assessment response to reports of child abuse and neglect  
292 whereby the report may be referred to appropriate community  
293 providers for family assessment and services without an investigation  
294 or at any time during an investigation, provided there has been an initial  
295 safety assessment of the circumstances of a family and child and  
296 criminal background checks have been performed on all adults involved  
297 in the report. Services provided through family assessment response  
298 shall include an array of community-based services and supports  
299 designed to meet the individual needs of families, build upon their  
300 strengths, enhance child development, reduce child abuse and neglect  
301 and increase the health, safety and well-being of children.

302 (2) In response to an accepted family assessment report, the  
303 department shall conduct a comprehensive family assessment that shall

304 include a safety and risk assessment and an assessment of family  
305 strengths and needs. Such assessment shall include personal interviews  
306 with the child and the child's parent or primary caretaker, an evaluation  
307 of the home environment and the performance of criminal background  
308 checks on all adults residing in the same household. Such assessment  
309 may include, as appropriate, personal interviews with other children or  
310 adults residing in the same household as well as any other caregivers,  
311 family members and collateral contacts. In conducting such assessment,  
312 the department shall consider the age and vulnerability of the child,  
313 family functioning, family history of abuse and neglect and family  
314 history of involvement with the department. The department shall,  
315 upon securing any necessary releases, request any relevant out-of-state  
316 history of child abuse or neglect involving any adults residing in the  
317 same household.

318 (3) The following reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall not  
319 be referred for family assessment response: (A) Sexual abuse, (B) abuse  
320 or neglect occurring in an out-of-home placement, (C) abuse or neglect  
321 resulting in the death or serious physical or mental injury of a child, or  
322 (D) where the department's safety assessment reveals that the child is  
323 unsafe. A case supervisor or manager shall approve all referrals to  
324 family assessment response.

325 (4) Prior to referring a report to an appropriate community provider,  
326 the department shall develop a service plan designed to meet the  
327 family's immediate needs for services and supports and to guide the  
328 community provider's development of a long-term plan of care for the  
329 family.

330 (5) Following a referral pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
331 a community provider shall schedule an in-person meeting with the  
332 family and shall develop a plan of care. Such plan of care shall be  
333 developed in consultation with the family and shall include (A) a review  
334 of the department's family assessment and service plan and any services  
335 and supports the family is currently receiving, and (B) an identification

336 of the family's ongoing needs and the services and supports that may be  
337 available to meet such needs. Such plan of care shall identify the family's  
338 strengths and needs and describe the services and supports to be offered  
339 to (i) address the family's needs, (ii) build upon the family's strengths,  
340 and (iii) increase the health, safety and well-being of the child. The  
341 provider shall monitor the family's participation and progress with the  
342 plan of care.

343 (6) The community provider shall maintain ongoing contact with the  
344 family through in-person meetings, visits to the home, child and family  
345 team meetings and phone calls. If at any time following the referral or  
346 during the implementation of the plan of care, the provider has  
347 reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any child under eighteen  
348 years of age (A) has been abused or neglected, as defined in section 46b-  
349 120, (B) has suffered a nonaccidental physical injury or an injury that is  
350 at variance with the history given for such injury, or (C) is placed at  
351 imminent risk of serious harm, the provider shall report or cause a  
352 report to be made in accordance with the provisions of sections 17a-101b  
353 to 17a-101d, inclusive.

354 (7) The community provider shall schedule an in-person meeting  
355 with the family prior to the end of services. The determination to end  
356 services shall be based upon the family's preference and progress in  
357 meeting the goals outlined in the plan of care. The community provider  
358 shall submit individual child and family specific data and  
359 administrative service data to the department not later than thirty days  
360 after ending services. Such data shall identify the needs of the family,  
361 the services and supports made available to address those needs, the  
362 family's met and unmet treatment goals, the final disposition at the time  
363 of ending services and the reasons for the family's discharge from  
364 services, including, but not limited to, met treatment goals, family  
365 relocation, the receipt of a new report by the department or transfer of  
366 the family to another provider.

367 (8) Subdivisions (5) to (7), inclusive, of this subsection shall apply to

368 all community provider service contracts in effect on June 9, 2016, to the  
369 extent they are not in conflict with such contracts, and shall apply to all  
370 contracts entered into, amended, extended or renewed on or after June  
371 9, 2016.

372 (9) The commissioner shall adopt procedures to establish a method  
373 for the department to monitor the progress of the child and family  
374 referred to a community provider pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
375 subsection and to set standards for reopening an investigation pursuant  
376 to this section. Such standards shall include, but need not be limited to,  
377 provisions for the reassignment of a report referred for family  
378 assessment response for an immediate investigation based on (A) a  
379 reassessment of the initial report of child abuse or neglect or the  
380 discovery of new or additional facts indicating that the child is unsafe,  
381 or (B) a determination that the report meets the criteria of subdivision  
382 (3) of this subsection and, as a result, does not qualify for family  
383 assessment response. Not later than January 1, 2017, the commissioner  
384 shall submit a report regarding such procedures and standards, in  
385 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
386 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
387 relating to children.

388 (10) Consistent with the provisions of section 17a-28, the department  
389 shall disclose all relevant information in its possession concerning the  
390 child and family, including prior child protection activity, to each  
391 provider to whom a report has been referred for use by the provider in  
392 the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of unique needs of the family  
393 and the prevention of future reports. Each provider who has received a  
394 report of child abuse or neglect referred pursuant to this subsection shall  
395 disclose to the department, consistent with the provisions of section 17a-  
396 28, all relevant information gathered during assessment, diagnosis and  
397 treatment of the child and family. The department may use such  
398 information solely to monitor and ensure the continued safety and well-  
399 being of the child or children.

400 [(11) Not later than July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
401 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
402 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
403 having cognizance of matters relating to children for inclusion in the  
404 annual report card prepared pursuant to section 2-53m on the status of  
405 family assessment response. Such report shall include data from the  
406 previous calendar year, including, but not limited to: (A) The number of  
407 accepted reports of child abuse or neglect, and the percentage of reports  
408 assigned to the family assessment response track; (B) the disposition of  
409 families assigned a family assessment response; (C) for cases assigned  
410 to the family assessment response track, a breakdown by reporter type;  
411 (D) the number and percentage of family assessment response cases that  
412 changed track to investigations; (E) an analysis of the department's prior  
413 or subsequent involvement with a family that has been assigned to  
414 family assessment response, if applicable; (F) an analysis of the  
415 department's prior or subsequent involvement with a family that has  
416 been assigned to a community partner agency; (G) a description of  
417 services that are commonly provided to families referred to the  
418 community support for families program; (H) a description of the  
419 department's staff development and training practices relating to intake;  
420 (I) the number and percentage of referred families who were ultimately  
421 enrolled in the community support for families program; (J) the number  
422 and percentage of families receiving a family assessment response  
423 broken down by race and ethnicity; (K) the reason for discharge from  
424 the community support for families program, as identified in  
425 subdivision (7) of this subsection, broken down by race and ethnicity;  
426 (L) a comparison of the needs identified and the needs addressed for  
427 families referred to the community support for families program; and  
428 (M) an analysis of the efficacy of the department's risk and safety  
429 assessment practices, including information concerning the  
430 methodology used to determine the reliability of such practices, the  
431 utilization of evidence-based practices and tools, and the effectiveness  
432 of such assessment practices for identifying children at risk for abuse or  
433 neglect.]

434        Sec. 8. Subdivision (5) of subsection (g) of section 46b-121n of the 2026  
 435 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
 436 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

437        (5) An examination of practices and procedures that result in  
 438 [disproportionate minority contact, as defined in section 4-68y, within  
 439 the juvenile justice system] a disproportionate number of juvenile  
 440 members of minority groups coming into contact with the juvenile  
 441 justice system;

442        Sec. 9. Sections 4-68y, 17a-6e, 17a-22n, 17a-32a, 17a-63a, 17a-100c and  
 443 17a-114g of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2026*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-22m
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-8b
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-19m
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-10a
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-22ii
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-101g(g)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	46b-121n(g)(5)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) consolidate existing Department of Children and Families reporting requirements concerning the department's services, compliance with statutory requirements, facilities operated by the department, reports of animal harm, neglect or cruelty, the department's family assessment response program, private providers that contract with the department, foster care services and licensing and diversion of children from the juvenile justice and court systems, (2) add a reporting requirement concerning cost savings resulting from the implementation of the Behavioral Health Partnership, (3) eliminate a reporting requirement concerning children missing or abducted from the custody of the department, and (4) make technical and conforming changes.

*[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.]*