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General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 207

Senate, March 23, 2022

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-132 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) On and after July 1, 2021, or upon approval by the federal
5 Administration for Children and Families of the Connecticut Family
6 First Prevention Plan developed by the Department of Children and
7 Families, whichever is first, a child in the custody of the Commissioner
8 of Children and Families pursuant to section 46b-129 who is placed in a
9 qualified residential treatment program [,] shall, not later than thirty
10 days after such placement, be assessed by a qualified individual
11 designated by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of
12 this section. Such qualified individual shall (1) assess the strengths and
13 needs of the child using an age-appropriate, evidence-based, validated,

14 functional assessment tool approved by the Secretary of Health and
 15 Human Services, (2) determine whether the needs of the child can be
 16 met by family members or through placement in a foster family, and, if
 17 such needs cannot be met, identify a setting that would provide the most
 18 effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive
 19 environment and be consistent with the goals for the child as specified
 20 in the permanency plan for the child, and (3) develop a list of child-
 21 specific short-term and long-term mental and behavioral health goals.
 22 A qualified individual shall work in conjunction with the child's family
 23 permanency planning team while conducting an assessment under this
 24 section.

25 Sec. 2. Section 17a-248k of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
 26 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 27 *passage*):

28 For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
 29 thereafter, in any school district that serves a town that has not
 30 convened or established a local or regional school readiness council
 31 pursuant to section 10-16r, the local or regional board of education for
 32 such school district shall designate a school readiness liaison. Such
 33 liaison shall (1) be an existing employee of such school district, and (2)
 34 serve as an informational resource for parents of children transitioning
 35 from the birth-to-three program, established pursuant to section 17a-
 36 248, to enrollment in a public elementary school in such school district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-132(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-248k

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which makes technical changes to the statutes relating to children, has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 207*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATING TO CHILDREN.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes technical changes to the laws related to (1) designating school readiness liaisons in certain school districts and (2) qualified residential treatment programs for children in the custody of the Department of Children and Families.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)