



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 207

LCO No. 1130



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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26 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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*