



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5194

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF COMMUNITY-BASED
BEREAVEMENT AND GRIEF COUNSELING ORGANIZATIONS AND
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commission on Women,
2 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, established pursuant to
3 section 2-127 of the general statutes, shall, in collaboration with the
4 Social and Emotional Learning and School Climate Advisory
5 Collaborative, established pursuant to section 10-222q of the general
6 statutes, and one or more community-based bereavement and grief
7 counseling resource centers serving children and families, conduct a
8 study of community-based bereavement and grief counseling
9 organizations and services for children and families to determine the (1)
10 extent and availability of such organizations and services state-wide,
11 and (2) feasibility of and recommendations for implementation of a
12 state-wide program for the delivery of such services at no cost to
13 participants. Such recommendations shall include, but need not be
14 limited to, the types of services the program should provide, eligibility

15 criteria for children and families to access such services, the optimal
 16 geographic distribution of such services and opportunities to utilize
 17 gifts, grants or donations from private sources and any available federal
 18 funding to fund such program in whole or in part.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commission on Women,
 20 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall submit a report, in
 21 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 22 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 23 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include the
 24 findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 25 section and any legislative recommendations for the implementation of
 26 a state-wide program for the delivery of bereavement and grief
 27 counseling services for children and families.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "program shall provide" was changed to "program should provide" and in Subsec. (b) "and legislative" was changed to "and any legislative" for clarity.

KID *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity to study community-based bereavement and grief counseling organizations resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the Commission has the expertise to carry out the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)