



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5332

LCO No. 2118



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE TIMELINESS OF REPORTS
AND FAILURE TO REPORT BY MANDATED REPORTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) The Department of Children and
2 Families shall conduct a study concerning compliance by mandated
3 reporters with the provisions of sections 17a-101b to 17a-101d, inclusive,
4 of the general statutes for the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending
5 June 30, 2020. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, the
6 number of (1) reports received by the department pursuant to each said
7 section from each category of mandated reporter described in section
8 17a-101 of the general statutes, (2) investigations relating to delayed
9 reporting or failure to report conducted by the department, listed by
10 category of mandated reporter and including for each instance of
11 delayed reporting the amount of time elapsed beyond the relevant time
12 period for reporting, if known, (3) notifications made by the
13 Commissioner of Children and Families to the Chief State's Attorney
14 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17a-101a of the general statutes,
15 listed by category of mandated reporter and including for each instance
16 of delayed reporting the amount of time elapsed beyond the relevant

17 time period for reporting, if known, and (4) mandated reporters found
18 guilty under the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b)
19 of section 17a-101a of the general statutes, listed by category of
20 mandated reporter.

21 (b) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Department of Children and
22 Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children.
25 Such report shall include the findings of the study conducted pursuant
26 to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Children and Families to conduct a study of the timeliness of reports and failure to report by mandated reporters.

[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.]