



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1215***

LCO No. 3778



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN NEGLECTED, UNCARED FOR AND ABUSED CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 46b-120 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

4 (1) "Child" means any person under eighteen years of age who has  
5 not been legally emancipated, except that for purposes of (A)  
6 delinquency matters and proceedings, "child" means any person who  
7 [(A)] (i) is at least ten years of age at the time of the alleged commission  
8 of a delinquent act and who is [(i)] (I) under eighteen years of age and  
9 has not been legally emancipated, or [(ii)] (II) eighteen years of age or  
10 older and committed a delinquent act prior to attaining eighteen years  
11 of age, or [(B)] (ii) subsequent to attaining eighteen years of age, [(i)] (I)  
12 violates any order of the Superior Court or any condition of probation  
13 ordered by the Superior Court with respect to a delinquency  
14 proceeding, or [(ii)] (II) wilfully fails to appear in response to a summons  
15 under section 46b-133 or at any other court hearing in a delinquency

16 proceeding of which the child had notice, and (B) a verified petition filed  
17 pursuant to section 46b-129, alleging that a child or youth is neglected,  
18 uncared for or abused, "child" includes any child or youth who turns  
19 eighteen years of age prior to the adjudication of such petition;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	46b-120(1)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specify that a child or youth who is the subject of a petition alleging that such child or youth is neglected, uncared for or abused shall be considered a child for the purposes of the adjudication of such petition if such child turns eighteen years of age prior to such adjudication.

*[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.]*