



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5331

LCO No. 2115



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the period beginning January
2 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, the Court Support Services
3 Division of the Judicial Branch shall conduct a survey of individuals
4 under the age of eighteen years who have direct interaction with or are
5 engaged in a proceeding before any constituent court of the Judicial
6 Branch or receive services through a program administered by or on
7 behalf of the Judicial Branch. Such survey shall be optional and
8 anonymous, and ascertain (1) the individual's (A) age, (B) race, (C)
9 sexual orientation, and (D) gender identity, and (2) any other
10 information deemed necessary by the division to determine the
11 adequacy of existing Judicial Branch services with respect to lesbian,
12 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths and the need for any
13 additional or improved services for such youths.

14 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, the Court Support Services Division of
15 the Judicial Branch shall submit a report, in accordance with the
16 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing

17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to children. Such report shall include the results of the survey
19 conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and any
20 recommendations for additional or improved Judicial Branch services
21 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to conduct a survey of youths who interface with the court system or receive services through the Judicial Branch in order to ascertain the need for additional or improved services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

[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.]