

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by: (KID)

## AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON CASEWORKER RETENTION AND PERMANENCY OUTCOMES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) Not later than January 1, 2023,

2 and quarterly thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and Families

3 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

4 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General

Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report

6 shall include data compiled in the previous quarter for each regional

7 office of the Department of Children and Families and aggregated state-

8 wide data, concerning the (1) rate at which caseworkers have left

9 employment with the Department of Children and Families, (2) length

10 of employment with the department of each caseworker that left

11 employment, (3) stated rationale for leaving employment with the

12 department of each caseworker for whom that information is available,

13 (4) frequency of caseworker turnover for each child in the care and

custody of the commissioner, (5) correlation, if any, between the number

of caseworkers employed by the department and the average length of

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16 time between the commitment of a child to the care and custody of the 17 commissioner and such child (A) obtaining a permanent placement, and 18 (B) transitioning out of such care and custody due to age, and (6) 19 progress made by the department in the previous quarter toward (A) 20 improving caseworker retention rates, and (B) meeting any benchmarks 21 set by the department concerning the permanent placement of children 22 in the care and custody of the commissioner. Each report submitted 23 pursuant to this section shall be published on the Internet web site of 24 the department not later than one week after such submission.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to submit a quarterly report concerning caseworker retention and permanency outcomes for children in the care and custody of the commissioner.

[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.]

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