



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 445**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A JOBS PROGRAM FOR YOUTH IMPACTED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, REVIEW OF PROBATION VIOLATIONS AND STATE-WIDE EXPANSION OF TRUANCY CLINICS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than thirty days after the  
2 effective date of this section, the executive director of the Court Support  
3 Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall conduct a review of  
4 probation violations during the five years preceding the effective date  
5 of this section. As part of such review, the executive director shall  
6 evaluate the rates at which persons on probation commit probation  
7 violations, categorized by each type of violation, and the court's  
8 responses to such violations.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the executive director of the Court  
10 Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall report, in  
11 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
12 on the review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and  
13 any resulting recommendations for legislation to the joint standing  
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
15 relating to the judiciary.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2025,  
17 the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the

18 Judicial Branch and the Workforce Investment Boards shall develop and  
19 implement a jobs program for youth who have been impacted by the  
20 juvenile justice system. The purpose of the program shall be to connect  
21 such youth with employment opportunities with local businesses and  
22 organizations. Such program shall assist such youth in obtaining  
23 apprenticeships, learning trade skills and becoming aware of union jobs.  
24 The executive director and the Workforce Investment Boards shall make  
25 local large employers and eligible youth aware of such program.

26 (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the executive director shall, in  
27 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
28 report on such program developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
29 section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
30 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary.

31 Sec. 3. Section 45a-8c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

33 (a) The Probate Court Administrator [may, within available  
34 appropriations, establish a truancy clinic within (1) any Regional  
35 Children's Probate Court that serves a town designated as an alliance  
36 district pursuant to section 10-262u, or (2) any Probate Court that serves  
37 a town designated as an alliance district that is not served by a Regional  
38 Children's Probate Court] shall establish a truancy clinic within a  
39 Regional Children's Probate Court or Probate Court that serves each  
40 town. The administrative judge of the Regional Children's Probate  
41 Court or the probate judge, as the case may be, or the designee of such  
42 administrative judge or such probate judge, shall administer the truancy  
43 clinic for such administrative judge's or such probate judge's respective  
44 court.

45 (b) [If the Probate Court Administrator establishes truancy clinics]  
46 Upon establishment of each truancy clinic pursuant to subsection (a) of  
47 this section, the principal of any elementary, [or] middle school or high  
48 school located in a town [designated as an alliance district] served by  
49 such clinic, or the principal's designee, may refer to a truancy clinic a

50 parent or guardian with a child enrolled in such school who is a truant,  
51 as defined in section 10-198a, or at risk of becoming a truant. Upon  
52 receiving such referral, the truancy clinic shall prepare a citation and  
53 summons for the parent or guardian of the child to appear at the clinic.  
54 An attendance officer authorized pursuant to section 10-199, or a police  
55 officer authorized pursuant to section 10-200, shall deliver the citation  
56 and summons and a copy of the referral to the parent or guardian.

57 (c) The administrative judge of the Regional Children's Probate Court  
58 [that serves a town designated as an alliance district] or the probate  
59 judge [that serves a town designated as an alliance district, as the case  
60 may be,] administering a truancy clinic may refer any matter referred to  
61 a truancy clinic to a probate magistrate or attorney probate referee  
62 assigned by the Probate Court Administrator pursuant to section 45a-  
63 123a to hear the matter.

64 (d) The truancy clinics shall operate for the purpose of identifying  
65 and resolving the cause of a child's truancy using nonpunitive  
66 procedures. After the initial appearance made pursuant to the summons  
67 described in subsection (b) of this section, the participation of a parent  
68 or guardian in the truancy clinic shall be voluntary. The truancy clinics  
69 shall establish protocols for clinic participation and shall establish  
70 programs and relationships with schools, individuals, public and  
71 private agencies, and other organizations to provide services and  
72 support for parents, guardians and children participating in the clinics.

73 (e) The Probate Court Administrator shall establish policies and  
74 procedures to implement the truancy clinics and measure the  
75 effectiveness of the truancy clinics.

76 (f) Not later than September 1, [2015] 2025, and annually thereafter,  
77 each administrative judge of a Regional Children's Probate Court [that  
78 serves a town designated as an alliance district in which a truancy clinic  
79 has been established] and each probate judge [that serves a town  
80 designated as an alliance district in which a truancy clinic has been  
81 established] who administers a truancy clinic shall file a report with the

82 Probate Court Administrator assessing the effectiveness of each truancy  
83 clinic in such administrative judge's or such probate judge's respective  
84 court.

85 (g) Not later than January 1, [2016] 2026, and annually thereafter, the  
86 Probate Court Administrator shall submit, in accordance with section  
87 11-4a, a report assessing the effectiveness of the truancy clinics to the  
88 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
89 of matters relating to the judiciary and education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	45a-8c

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*