



An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

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BILL SUMMARY

SECTION 1. Directs the Department of Children and Families to create or utilize an existing online mandated reporter training that all mandated reporters will be required to complete annually.

SECTION 2. Creates a child abuse and neglect expert review panel, under the purview of the Child Advocate, to review the repeated entry of children into the care of the Department of Children and Families in a 12-month period for the same family unit and to determine any actions needed to protect the child from further harm. The panel would report on any trends that are cycling through these families, any agency service gaps that are observed, and any recommendations for policy changes to prevent the repeated abuse and neglect of children.