

House Bill No. 5597

Public Act No. 14-217

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.**

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

Sec. 80. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The sum of \$330,000 appropriated to the Department of Correction's Other Expenses account for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, shall be transferred to the new Program Evaluation account in the department. Such funds shall be used for training, quality assurance and evaluation of programs to support community reentry and community programs. Expenditures may include training programs for staff of (1) private, nonprofit providers; (2) the department, including parole officers; and (3) other state agencies and municipalities. Quality assurance findings and program evaluation data may be used by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University for inclusion in its Results First Initiative project.

Sec. 81. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than May 31, 2015, the Commissioner of Correction shall assess the effectiveness of the vocational education programs of the Department of Correction for persons who are committed to the custody of the department. Such assessment shall consider findings from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative's cost-benefit analysis model with respect to such programs. After conducting such assessment, the commissioner shall determine whether any program changes may be implemented to improve the cost-effectiveness of such programs.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2015, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the judiciary and to the Results First Policy Oversight Committee, established pursuant to section 42 of public act 13-247, that (1) describes such assessment, (2) identifies any program changes implemented by the Department of Correction as a result of such assessment, and (3) makes recommendations that the commissioner deems appropriate concerning additional statutory or program changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of such programs.

Sec. 82. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than May 31, 2015, the Commissioner of Correction shall assess the effectiveness of the Medication Assisted Therapy pilot project administered by the Department of Correction for persons who are committed to the custody of the department. Such assessment shall consider findings from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative's cost-benefit analysis model with respect to

such pilot project. After conducting such assessment, the commissioner shall determine whether any program changes may be implemented to improve the cost-effectiveness of such pilot project.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2015, the Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the judiciary and to the Results First Policy Oversight Committee, established pursuant to section 42 of public act 13-247, that (1) describes such assessment, (2) identifies any pilot project changes implemented by the Department of Correction as a result of such assessment, and (3) makes recommendations that the commissioner deems appropriate concerning additional statutory or pilot project changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of such pilot project.

Sec. 83. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than May 31, 2015, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall assess the effectiveness of the multidimensional family therapy program maintained for juveniles committed to the custody of both the (1) Department of Children and Families, and (2) Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch. Such assessment shall consider findings from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative's cost-benefit analysis model with respect to such program. Said institute, the Department of Children and Families and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall enter into a memorandum of understanding relating to the institute's assessment of the effectiveness of the multidimensional family therapy program. After conducting such assessment, the institute, in consultation with the department and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, shall recommend program changes that may be implemented to improve the cost-effectiveness of such program.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2015, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, the judiciary and children and to the Results First Policy Oversight Committee, established pursuant to section 42 of public act 13-247, that (1) describes such assessment, (2) identifies any program changes implemented by the Department of Children and Families as a result of such assessment, and (3) makes any recommendations that said institute, the Commissioner of Children and Families and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch deem appropriate concerning additional statutory or program changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of such program.

Sec. 84. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than May 31, 2015, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall assess the effectiveness of juvenile parole services programs administered by the Department of Children and Families for persons who are committed to the custody of the department.

Such assessment shall consider findings from the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative's cost-benefit analysis model with respect to such programs. After conducting such assessment, said institute, in consultation with the department, shall recommend program changes that may be implemented to improve the cost-effectiveness of such programs.

(b) Not later than June 30, 2015, the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and children and to the Results First Policy Oversight Committee, established pursuant to section 42 of public act 13-247, that (1) describes such assessment, (2) identifies any program changes implemented by the Department of Children and Families as a result of such assessment, and (3) makes any recommendations that the institute and the Commissioner of Children and Families deem appropriate concerning additional statutory or program changes that may improve the cost-effectiveness of such programs.