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Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS FOR CHILDREN
OF FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) The Court Support
2 Services Division shall contract with private providers to develop a
3 network of family support centers to serve families with service needs.
4 The goal of the family support center shall be to divert a family with a
5 service needs child, who violates a valid court order regulating his or
6 her future conduct, from court involvement by providing appropriate
7 and effective services to prevent further court involvement. Each
8 family support center shall provide services or have access to services
9 that include, but are not limited to, screening and assessment, crisis
10 intervention, family mediation, educational assessments and advocacy,
11 mental health treatment and services including gender specific trauma
12 treatment and services, resiliency skills building, access to positive
13 social activities, short-term respite care and services available to
14 children in the juvenile justice system. The Court Support Services
15 Division shall conduct an independent evaluation of the family
16 support centers to measure the quality of the services delivered and

17 the outcomes for the children served by such centers. For purposes of
18 this section, "family support center" means a community-based service
19 center that provides multiple services for children and families who
20 have been referred to the superior court for juvenile matters as a
21 family with service needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create community-based family support centers to provide support and treatment for children of families with service needs.

[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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