

Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5272 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

Vote Date: 3/3/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/24/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Committee on Children

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within DCF may improve the health of children. The study will serve to better inform both DCF policies and actions by the legislature to ensure the safety of children within the state's care.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

There is no substitute language.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

CT Voices for Children, Research & Policy Director Dr. Emily Knox, Ph.D.: Dr. Knox emphasizes that, when adequately resourced, these evaluations can align agency practices with the needs of children who have experienced trauma and instability.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Mia Giglietti and Zachary Robinson **Date:** 3/9/2026