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SENATOR LINARES: Thank you, Senator, for your leadership on this issue. Dr. Bernstein, a consultant and expert on children's safety and violence prevention, came to the capital yesterday and had mentioned that these video games, these violent video games, provide satisfaction to individuals who are mentally ill, satisfaction during the killing in the video games, and it also provides practice for them, and unfortunately comfort. So I just wanted to thank you for your leadership on this issue. It's very important and it's a great idea. Thanks.

SENATOR FRANTZ: Thank you, Senator. I appreciate that.

REP. URBAN: Any other questions or comments?

Again, Senator, thank you very much for bringing this to the committee's attention, and we look forward to working with -- with you.

SENATOR FRANTZ: I thank all of you.

REP. URBAN: Next on our agenda is Commissioner Katz from the Department of Children and Families, and I know I gave our three-minute rule, but Commissioner, you have a slew of bills here, so -- and we do need to hear how you feel about all of them. So we are going to make sure that we listen to you.

used to say in writing opinions, if I had more \$8832 \frac{58832}{58833}\$ time I'd make them shorter. So I will do my best. Good morning, Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban, and members of the Children's Committee. My name is Joette Katz, and I'm the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families here to testify on several of the bills on your public hearing

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legislative package as well. The bill would permit DCF to interview a child in a child protective investigation without parental consent, but in as limited circumstances when obtaining such consent would place the child at risk of physical harm.

Current DCF has the legal authority to interview children without parental consent in cases in which the parents or guardian is the alleged perpetrator of physical abuse. We believe that this change would strike a reasonable balance between child safety and the rights of the alleged perpetrator, and is consistent with changes that the department is initiating through our new strengthening families practice model.

Last session, House Bill 5363 passed the House unanimously, but was not taken up in the Senate.

Third, Senate Bill 832, AN ACT CONCERNING ASSESSMENT RESPONSE, we support this bill, and again, it is part of our legislative package. It makes two modifications to existing statutes. One is a technical change to 17A-101 G, to change differential response to family assessment response. And two, to provide expungement of family assessment response cases if no new reports of child abuse or neglect are received on the family for a period of five years.

The change of differential response to family assessment response reflects current practice, and the proposal also extends the same expungement process for family assessment response cases as it currently exists for unsubstantiated cases.

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S.B. No. 821 AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANDATED REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Department of Children and Families supports S.B. No. 821, An Act Concerning Responsibilities of Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect. This proposal is part of DCF's legislative package.

This bill provides legal protection for mandated reporters of child abuse from retaliatory actions by their employers. There is a concern that some employers may screen or interfere with employees who are mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect when discharging their legal responsibilities to report. This bill strengthens existing statutes in a manner that would allow greater enforcement of violations.

Last year the DCF Careline received 45,748 reports of child abuse or neglect, and 27,354 of these reports were accepted for investigation. Approximately 70% of these reports come from mandated reporters, including: medical professionals; school officials; law enforcement; social workers; psychologists; clergy; day care staff; and others identified in § 17a-101.

S.B. No. 822 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF CHILDREN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Department of Children and Families supports S.B. No. 822, An Act Concerning Interviews of Children by the Department of Children and Families During Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect. This proposal is part of DCF's legislative package.

This bill would permit DCF to interview a child in a child protective investigation without parental consent in those limited circumstances when obtaining such consent would place the child at risk of physical harm. Currently, DCF has the legal authority to interview children without parental consent in cases in which the parent or guardian is the alleged perpetrator of physical abuse. The Department believes that this change would strike a reasonable balance between child safety and the rights of the alleged perpetrator, and is consistent with changes the Department is initiating through our new Strengthening Families Practice Model.

Last session, HB 5363 passed the House unanimously, but was not taken up in the Senate.

S.B. No. 832 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT RESPONSE CASES

The Department of Children and Families supports S.B. No. 832, An Act Concerning Family Assessment Response Cases. This proposal is part of DCF's legislative package.

This bill makes two modifications to existing statutes: 1) a technical change to § 17a-101g to change "differential response" to "family assessment response;" and 2) to provide for expungement of family assessment response cases if no new reports of child abuse or neglect are received on the family for a period of five years. The change of "differential response" to "family assessment response" reflects current practice. The proposal also extends the same expungement process for family assessment response cases as exists for unsubstantiated cases.

S.B. No. 833 AN ACT ADDRESSING THE MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN

The Department of Children and Families supports S.B. No. 833, An Act Addressing the Medical and Educational Needs of Children. This proposal is part of DCF's legislative package.

This bill provides DCF with the authority to meet the medical and educational needs of children under an Order of Temporary Custody. There is a need to clarify this authority in order for DCF to make various medical and educational decisions for children.

This is particularly important with regard to medical decisions. Currently, our statutes allow DCF staff to make medical decisions during the 96 hour hold period invoked during emergencies when the court is not open. Similarly, once a child is committed to DCF, we have the legal authority to make medical decisions. There is no specific provision for making these decisions during the period when a child is under a pre-trial Order of Temporary Custody and this appears to simply be an oversight in the statutory scheme. This bill addresses that oversight.

Over the years, including in two recent very serious incidents, we have had dozens of cases in which parents, who are understandably distrustful of the agency or who – more ominously – are attempting to hide evidence of abuse, have refused to consent to necessary and/or well child medical care. In those instances, we are required to file a motion in court and wait for a hearing to be scheduled. When time is of the essence, this delay can be crucial.

Even in cases involving 96 hour holds and commitments, in which DCF has the clear legal authority to make medical decisions, DCF has stringent policies regarding prior notification to the parents and gaining consent before exercising what we recognize as an extraordinary governmental power. Every effort is made to facilitate communication between the parents and the medical staff caring for the child. In serious cases, such as non-routine surgery, our agency pediatrician and other DCF medical staff are consulted about the need for the medical care. We also rely on the expertise of a multidisciplinary Medical Review Board that includes medical experts from outside the agency. The attorneys for the child and the parents are always consulted, and, if they disagree with the recommended medical treatment, they may



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RAISED BILL 832, AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES

The Office of Chief Public Defender generally supports passage of Raised Bill 832, An Act Concerning Family Assessment Cases. The Department of Children and Families has changed its practice model to focus more on prevention and early intervention. In cases where children are not deemed to be at risk, DCF will divert the family and provide services through a "differential response". This proposal seeks to change "differential response" to "family assessment response". This is a good idea and accurately reflects DCF's new focus on working with families in the least restrictive manner possible to maintain child safety.

This proposal also provides that records of a person's involvement in a "family assessment response" case after five years. We believe that expungement should occur after two years if no new reports of child abuse or neglect are received on the family. Five years is the waiting period required for a person to petition for removal from the state child abuse registry. Family assessment response cases should be expunged sooner that cases where a finding of abuse or neglect was entered by the court.

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I, Susan McGuinness Getzinger, am here to testify why I oppose nearly all bills being raised and proposed in today's Children's Committee of the *Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council*.

I consider these raised and proposed bills to be errors and superficial proposals due to the withholding of evidence by the state of Connecticut in the Adam Lanza case in Newtown, CT.

My focus is the inherent conflicts of interest with the many vendors involved as members of the **Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council**.

Since the majority of Governor Malloy's appointed committee member's employers stand to profit from the proposed legislation presented, I oppose the majority of the bills presented. My reasons are printed below each bill, but I will only go over a few due to time restraints.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5567 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH.

I Oppose because - Adam Lanza's records are sealed. We are never able to learn from sealed records. It is highly irresponsible to continue to seal Adam Lanza's records.

The retention schedule of school records and instructions for destruction of school records may be a factor in this case.

Board of Education (BOE) law firms are agents of the school district and so they are able under present law to keep school records on their premises.

The retention schedule for mental health school records in Connecticut has no requirement to maintain for any amount of time those mental health records or any staff notes or paperwork involved., though vaccine records are to be maintained for 50 years.

(M8-380 & M8390) http://www.cslib.org/publicrecords/reteducation.pdf

Connecticut school law is riddled with conflicts of interest.

Some Law firms and elected officials have **conflicts of interest in the Adam Lanza case**, for instance:

Senator Chris Murphy's father is a partner at Shipman & Goodwin, the law firm that represents the most CT school districts in educational hearings where the districts, using tax dollars, fight against children and families. They represent i80 of the 169 Connecticut towns, including Newtown, CT.

Attorney General George Jepsen came from the law from of Shipman & Goodwin.

A Shipman and Goodwin attorney, Tom Mooney, "wrote the book" that BOEs use for school law. This is a conflict of interest that steers tax dollars to the BOE attorneys instead of towards services for children in need.

Berchem, Moses and Devlin school law attorneys represent anywhere between 14 and 30 of the 169 districts in Connecticut. They have represented Newtown, CT and so, they may retain school records as agents of the school district, including Adam Lanza's.

This information may be why Adam Lanza's records are being sealed. To hide the inadequacy of the records retention policies and procedures in Connecticut schools and any law firm

expanding, not breaking a negative cycle. Private internships are available across the nation. Tax credits might be considered for businesses (without government contracts) sponsoring foster children.

*Proposed S.B. No. 650 AN ACT CREATING A PARENTS' SUPPORT HOT LINE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN EXHIBITING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES.

I Oppose because – unless it is tied to MEDWATCH – the adverse drug reactions will go unchecked.

*Proposed S.B. No. 652 AN ACT CONCERNING REFERRALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM.

<u>I Oppose because – Direct referrals are being ignored. The Child Find Law is being ignored in districts in Connecticut</u>

*S.B. No. 821 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANDATED REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

I Oppose because – any act regarding mandating reports are easily manipulated to keep parents in line in districts that are hostile to families and have school attorneys to do the bidding of the administrators that might be seeking vengeance upon families.

*S.B. No. 822 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF CHILDREN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

LOppose because - this is a clear and obvious attempt to usurp from the parents their the God given parental authority. Interviews with children without their parents give the opportunity for strangers to intimidate children who will say anything to please their interviewers to stop the line of questioning.

This creates a scary and hostile environment for children and their families.

*S.B. No. 832 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES.

I Oppose because - who are the hired people doing the assessing? Trust has been broken in the Connecticut state agencies where families and children are concerned.

*S.B. No. 833 (RAISED) AN ACT ADDRESSING THE MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

I Oppose because - This is nothing more than a witch hunt for parents. Parents, private doctors and local Boards of education (sans their attorneys' puppeteering) are supposed to be doing this, but those in positions to profit from the allegedly corrupt educational and medical system have already abused it. People on the inside designed, created and now manage this allegedly corrupt system of drugging and not educating our children in Connecticut public schools.

All Council members need to give in writing (on all pages of all documents) to the public and families involved full financial disclosure and any professional conflicts of interest in the past, presently or near future, including attorneys' projected billable hours, before every comment or input they give and any and all decisions they make. The public needs to fully understand the relationships of the committee members and of their personal and commercial financial gains that are in store for them if the CGA passes this legislation.

Since pharmaceutical companies bear no liability for vaccine damage and, as of January of this year, the CGA hastily put forth a bill to protect psychiatrists writing prescriptions in the same manner, how can the taxpayers, let alone families and individuals, trust such a system

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Those voting Nay

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Those absent and not voting 18

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 549.

THE CLERK:

On Page 31, Calendar Number 549, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Administration and Elections, Substitute Senate Bill 832 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Fawcett.

REP. FAWCETT (133rd):

Good evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Good evening, ma'am.

REP. FAWCETT (133rd):

I move the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint

Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill

in concurrence with the Senate. Will you remark,

madam?

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REP. FAWCETT (133rd):

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is a technical Department of Children and Families bill that makes some adjustment to current statute.

The Clerk has an amendment. It's amendment 6716. I would ask that the Clerk call the amendment and I be granted leave of the Chamber to summarize.

Will the Clerk please call LCO 6716. It will be designated Senate Amendment "A".

THE CLERK:

Senate Amendment "A", LCO 6716 introduced by Senator Bartolomeo.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The gentlewoman seeks leave of the Chamber to summarize. Is there objection? Seeing none, you may proceed with summarization, madam.

REP. FAWCETT (133rd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bill makes two significant small technical changes to the existing DCF statute. It helps the statute better align with current DCF practices by changing a word that's used, from differential response to family assessment response.

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It also clarifies circumstances and timelines when current DCF cases can be expunged from state records.

I move adoption.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam. The Amendment has been, the motion is on adoption of the Amendment. Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Betts of the 78th.

REP. BETTS (78th):

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I support the Amendment and urge everybody to adopt it. Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further?

Do you care to remark further on the Amendment before us?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of Senate Amendment "A" please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Those opposed, Nay? The Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted.

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Would you care to remark further on the Amendment as adopted, the bill as amended? Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just briefly. One quick question to the proponent of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. BETTS (78th):

I noticed in the language here that they are changing over to family assessment from I believe it was, yeah, differential response.

For the benefit of the Chamber, I wonder if the proponent could explain why that change is being made?

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Fawcett.

REP. FAWCETT (133rd):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question.

As many know, for the past two years, there's been an extraordinary undertaking at the Department of

Children and Families to reorganize and reassess how they serve the children of Connecticut.

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And in that effort, they have brought into place a program that we've been calling differential response, which is a program that is really focused on the least serious cases that come before the Department of Children and Families and allowing the Department to embrace those cases with almost a softer approach and really focus on the family and the needs of the family and to bring the least disruption to the family.

We, in conglomeration with the Department of Children and Families have decided to make changes to all the statutes to change the word to family assessment response, because that word acts just more accurately describes the goals of the new Department of Children and Families.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Betts.

REP. BETTS (78th):

Thank you very much for that answer, and I would encourage the Members of the General Assembly to adopt this. This really reflects what the DCF is doing and they're having some pretty good success with this change and with that, I encourage everybody to adopt this.

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Thank you very much.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir. Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended? Do you care to remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests to the Well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll.

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll.

Will Members please return to the Chamber immediately.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? Will the Members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

If all the Members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Bill Number 832 in concurrence with the Senate and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Sen}}$

Amended by Senate "A".

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Total Number Voting	132
Necessary for Passage	67
Those voting Yea	132
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	18

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill as amended passes in concurrence with the Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 495.

THE CLERK:

On Page 53 of today's Calendar, Calendar Number

495, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee
on Judiciary, Substitute House Joint Resolution Number

45, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS

COMMISSION TO DENY OR DISMISS CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST

THE STATE.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Dan Fox of the 148th, you have the floor, sir.

REP. FOX (148th):

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the House Joint Resolution and passage of the same.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

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Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally. Thank you.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 821 with Senate "A."

Total Number Voting 36
Those voting Yea 36
Those voting Nay 0
Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 38, Calendar 103, <u>Substitute for Senate Bill</u> <u>Number 832</u>, AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES, favorable report of the Committee on Kids.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo, again.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

I thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, I move acceptance of the joint committee's joint favorable report, and I urge passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

It's on passage of the bill.

Will you -- will you remark, ma'am? Thank you.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

The purpose of this bill is twofold. It renames a category of cases within the DCF system from

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"differential response" to "family assessment," and it also speaks to the expungement of records for such types of cases.

And, Madam President, if I may, the Clerk is in possession of an amendment, LCO Number 6716. If the Clerk may please call that amendment, and I be given leave to summarize.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 6716, <u>Senate Amendment Schedule "A,"</u> offered by Senator Bartolomeo.

THE CHAIR:

Senator.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

And I move adoption of this amendment.

THE CHAIR:

The motion is on adoption.

Will you remark?

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Yes, thank you, Madam President.

This is a -- a technical amendment which just clarifies something related to the expungement of records and the time frame.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark further? Will you remark further?

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If not, <u>I will try your minds</u>. Will all --

All those in favor please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed.

Amendment passes.

Senator.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

This bill, as I said, speaks to a classification of cases which is currently called "differential response." This is a classification which was created in 2011, and what it does here is it designates these cases to a lesser degree of concern, if you will, a lesser degree of concern for the fact that -- let me back up for a moment.

We have substantiated abuse and neglect cases and this allows another category, which because the child is not deemed to be at risk or at danger with their family but possibly the family could use some additional supports and services. It works to keep the family together and to also allow them to take advantage of supports and services within the system.

This is now being looked at because of the component of keeping them within the family rather than differential response that we would like to designate that classification as family assessment response.

And we, also, would like to make sure that these records because they are not substantiated abuse or neglect be expunged within five years after the closure of a case or the final report being submitted

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on these cases so that it is similar to those that we currently handle as unsubstantiated cases.

And so, Madam President, I urge passage of this bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Linares.

SENATOR LINARES:

President, thank you very much.

I support this bill. I think it reflects current practices and could, ultimately, help build family unity over time, and I ask my colleagues to support this bill as well. Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator.

Will you remark further?

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Madam President.

A few questions to the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR KANE:

Through you, Madam President.

The five-year period in the legislation, is that the typical time that DCF keeps records for these type of cases?

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Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

Through you, the five years was chosen because that is the amount of time that they currently expunge unsubstantiated cases, and it was deemed appropriate that it be also for these.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Madam President.

And then it says in here that if -- if a family has more than one substantiated cases within that period, DCF must keep the records for an additional five years. Am I reading that correctly?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

And through you, yes, it would be five years after either the closure of the case, or the last reported concern whichever were later.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

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SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Madam President.

And if cases are substantiated, how long are those records kept?

Through you.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

Those records are not expunged.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Kane.

SENATOR KANE:

Thank you, Madam President.

I appreciate the senator for her answers.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Will you remark?

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President, if I may, just a few questions, through you, to the proponent of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR WELCH:

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Thank you, Madam President.

This is an area of our statutes that I'm not familiar with. If you could just let me know what a differential response is, how that's different from a family assessment, and are there no longer going to be differential responses?

Through you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Bartolomeo.

SENATOR BARTOLOMEO:

Thank you, Madam President.

Through you, it's actually the identical thing. So that it is simply just changing the name to reflect what is the current policy of DCF to be able to keep families together whenever possible, and that's why they would like the change in terminology.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

And that's all I have.

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much.

Will you remark? Will you remark?

If not, Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote, and the machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

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Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call ordered in the Senate. Senators please return to the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members have voted. All members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, would you please call a tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 832, submitted by Senate "A"

Total	Number	Voting	36
Those	voting	Yea	36
Those	voting	Nay	0
Those	absent	and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Looney, good evening, sir.

To the people in the chamber, can we keep their voices down. Senator Looney is going to speak.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Good evening, Madam President.

Madam President, I believe we had started a second Consent Calendar. If we could call the item or items on that because we will then be moving to another item as the order of the evening which will likely be our last item for the evening. So if we could call that second Consent Calendar?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you so much, Senator.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK: