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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa, Lima, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 07, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-72-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-72 entitled "Department
2 of Children, Youth and Families" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-72-1. Establishment of department -- Director.**

4 (a) There is established within the executive branch of state government a department of
5 children, youth, and families.

6 (b) The head of the department shall be the director of children, youth, and families, who
7 shall be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties of the office, in
8 accordance with § 42-72-4.

9 (c) The director shall be in the unclassified service, appointed by the governor with the
10 advice and consent of the senate, and shall hold office for a term of ~~four (4)~~ five (5) years and
11 shall continue to hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. unless removed
12 from office pursuant to the provisions of this section. The director may be removed from office at
13 any time prior to the expiration of the director's term, with or without cause, by the governor with
14 the advice and consent of the senate. The director shall receive a salary as provided by law.

15 The director is further authorized and directed to provide to the governor, the speaker of
16 the house and the president of the senate, no later than October 1, 1991, a comprehensive and
17 detailed plan to restructure the department of children, youth, and families. The plan will be
18 developed in close cooperation with the special legislative task force to investigate the

1 department of children, youth, and families.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for a five (5) year term for the director of DCYF or until his or
2 her successor is appointed and qualified, unless the governor with advice and consent of the
3 senate removes the director prior to the expiration of the director's term.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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