

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2721**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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SENATE, May 28, 2020.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 33) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to families impacted by substance misuse, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2721) ought to pass.

For the committee,  
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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An Act relative to families impacted by substance misuse.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, annually, not  
2 later than October 31, the department of children and families shall submit a report on children  
3 and families involved with the department in connection with substance use or misuse to the  
4 child advocate, the commissioner of the department of public health, the clerks of the senate and  
5 house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint  
6 committee on children, families and persons with disabilities. The report shall be made available  
7 to the public electronically in accordance with section 19 of chapter 66 of the General Laws. The  
8 report shall include, but not be limited to: (a) the number and percentage of children and youth in  
9 the care and custody of the department due to substance use or misuse shown since the fiscal  
10 year that the intake policy required the collection of this information for (i) the entire  
11 department; and (ii) each regional office.

12           The department of children and families shall consult with the department of public  
13 health on information and data relevant to services that the department of public health provides  
14 to families involved with the department of children and families. The department may satisfy

15 the reporting requirements of this section by providing the requested information in a larger  
16 annual report filed with the above parties.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 3. Section 2 shall take effect on December 31, 2025.