



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5525

LCO No. 496

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

An Act Permitting The Pass Along Of Federal Cost-Of-Living Adjustments For Recipients Of The State Supplement To The Federal Supplemental Security Income Program.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-106 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 7 of public act 99-279, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) On July 1, 1985, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
5 increase the adult payment standards for the state supplement to the
6 federal Supplemental Security Income Program by four and
7 three-tenths per cent over the standards for the fiscal year ending June
8 30, 1985, provided the commissioner shall apply the appropriate
9 disregards. Notwithstanding the provisions of any regulation to the
10 contrary, effective July 1, 1994, the commissioner shall reduce the
11 appropriate unearned income disregard for recipients of the state
12 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by
13 seven per cent, provided if sufficient funds are available within
14 accounts in the Department of Social Services and are transferred to
15 the old age assistance account, the aid to the blind account and the aid

16 to the disabled account, the commissioner shall increase the unearned
17 income disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal
18 Supplemental Security Income Program to a level not to exceed that in
19 effect on June 30, 1994. On July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter, the
20 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the adult payment
21 standards over those of the previous fiscal year for the state
22 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by
23 the percentage increase, if any, in the most recent calendar year
24 average in the consumer price index for urban consumers over the
25 average for the previous calendar year, provided the annual increase,
26 if any, shall not exceed five per cent, except that the adult payment
27 standards for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June 30, 1994, June
28 30, 1995, June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, June 30, 1999, June
29 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001, shall not be increased. Effective October 1,
30 1991, the coverage of excess utility costs for recipients of the state
31 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program is
32 eliminated. On and after July 1, 2000, the commissioner shall increase
33 the unearned income disregard for recipients of the state supplement
34 to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by an amount
35 equal to the annual cost-of-living increase provided under the federal
36 Supplemental Security Income Program.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow recipients of the state supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program to receive any federal cost-of-living adjustments without a corresponding decrease in state supplement benefits.

[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.]