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Raised Bill No. 1094

LCO No. 3526

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT IMPOSING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN
RELATIVE CAREGIVERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-114 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) No child in the custody of the Commissioner of Children and
4 Families shall be placed with any person, unless such person is
5 licensed by the department for that purpose. Any person licensed by
6 the department to accept placement of a child is deemed to be licensed
7 to accept placement as a foster family or prospective adoptive family.
8 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
9 provisions of chapter 54, to establish the licensing procedures and
10 standards. Any criminal records check conducted by the commissioner
11 shall be a criminal records check requested from the State Police
12 Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this
14 section, the commissioner may place a child with a relative who is not
15 licensed for a period of up to forty-five days provided a satisfactory

16 home visit is conducted, a basic assessment of the family is completed
17 and such relative attests that such relative and any adult living within
18 the household have not been convicted of a crime or arrested for a
19 felony against a person, for injury or risk of injury to or impairing the
20 morals of a child, or for the possession, use or sale of a controlled
21 substance. [Placements with a relative beyond such forty-five-day
22 period shall be subject to certification by the commissioner.] Any such
23 relative who accepts placement of a child in excess of such forty-five-
24 day period shall be certified by the commissioner, except that on or
25 after July 1, 2001, any such relative who was not certified prior to July
26 1, 2001, shall be licensed under the provisions of subsection (a) of this
27 section. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
28 the provisions of chapter 54, to establish certification procedures and
29 standards for a caretaker who is a relative of such child.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To comply with new federal guidelines, effective September 27, 2000, which require a single standard of licensure in order for the state to be able to claim children placed in relative homes for federal Title IV-E reimbursement.

[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.]