



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1321***

LCO No. 4294

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING 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 is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

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

15 to the disabled account, the commissioner shall increase the unearned  
16 income disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal  
17 Supplemental Security Income Program to a level not to exceed that in  
18 effect on June 30, 1994. On July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter, the  
19 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the adult payment  
20 standards over those of the previous fiscal year for the state  
21 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by  
22 the percentage increase, if any, in the most recent calendar year  
23 average in the consumer price index for urban consumers over the  
24 average for the previous calendar year, provided the annual increase,  
25 if any, shall not exceed five per cent, except that the adult payment  
26 standards for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June 30, 1994, June  
27 30, 1995, June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, June 30, 1999, June  
28 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001, shall not be increased. Effective October 1,  
29 1991, the coverage of excess utility costs for recipients of the state  
30 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program is  
31 eliminated. On January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the  
32 commissioner shall increase the unearned income disregard for  
33 recipients of the state supplement to the federal Supplemental Security  
34 Income Program by an amount equal to the annual cost-of-living  
35 increase provided under the federal Supplemental Security Income  
36 Program.

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

***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.]*