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House Bill No. 5580

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The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. DONOVAN of the 84th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY MEASUREMENT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "self-sufficiency measurement"
4 means a calculation of the income an employed adult may need to
5 meet [his family's] family needs, including, but not limited to, housing,
6 food, day care, transportation and medical costs.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 1999, the Office of Policy and
8 Management shall contract with a private vendor to develop a self-
9 sufficiency measurement by October 1, 1999. This measurement shall
10 take into account geographical variations in costs and the age and
11 number of children in the family. The value of any state or federal
12 public assistance benefit received by a recipient of temporary family

13 assistance shall be calculated into such recipient's self-sufficiency
14 measurement.

15 (c) Not later than October 31, 1999, the Office of Policy and
16 Management shall distribute the self-sufficiency measurement to all
17 state agencies that counsel individuals who are seeking education,
18 training or employment. Effective October 31, 1999, the Office of Policy
19 and Management may also distribute the self-sufficiency measurement
20 to any other entity that requests such measurement. Such state
21 agencies and other entities may use the self-sufficiency measurement
22 to assist and guide individuals who are seeking education, training or
23 employment in establishing personal financial goals and estimating the
24 amount of income such individuals may need to support their families.

25 (d) Not later than January 1, 2003, and every three years thereafter,
26 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation with the
27 Office of Policy and Management, shall update the self-sufficiency
28 measurement developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
29 shall distribute the updated self-sufficiency measurement to all state
30 agencies that counsel individuals who are seeking education, training
31 or employment. Effective January 1, 2003, the Office of Workforce
32 Competitiveness may also distribute the updated self-sufficiency
33 measurement to any other entity that requests such measurement.
34 Such state agencies and other entities may use the updated self-
35 sufficiency measurement to assist and guide individuals who are
36 seeking education, training or employment in establishing personal
37 financial goals and estimating the amount of income such individuals
38 may need to support their families.

39 [(d)] (e) The self-sufficiency measurement shall not be used to: (1)
40 Analyze the success or failure of any program; (2) determine or
41 establish eligibility or benefit levels for any state or federal public
42 assistance program, including, but not limited to, temporary family
43 assistance, child care assistance, medical assistance, state administered
44 general assistance, food stamps or eligibility for the HUSKY plan; (3)
45 determine whether a person subject to time-limited benefits under the

46 temporary family assistance program qualifies for an extension of
47 benefits under such program; or (4) supplement the amount of benefits
48 awarded under the temporary family assistance program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

LAB *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Workforce Competitiveness, Off.	0	50,000	0

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Workforce of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC) in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to update the state’s self-sufficiency measurement on January 1, 2003. The agencies are also required to distribute this measurement to agencies that counsel individuals who are seeking education, training or employment. It is estimated that the OWC will incur consultant costs of \$50,000 in order to provide this update. The agency’s FY03 budget does not contain funds for this purpose.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY MEASUREMENT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Office of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC) to update, in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, the state's self-sufficiency measurement by January 1, 2003, and every three years after.

OWC must distribute the updated measurement to state agencies that help people looking for education, training, or employment. It may also distribute the measurement, on or after January 1, 2003, to anyone who requests it. The measurement may be used to (1) estimate how much money people looking for education, training, or employment need to support their families and (2) help such people set financial goals.

The self-sufficiency measurement indicates the income a worker needs to care for his family.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 13 Nay 0