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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**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 Section 4-66e of the general statutes is repealed and the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*