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"AN ACT CONFORMING STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM."

1 After section 3, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 4. Section 17b-689c of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

5 (a) Each person found eligible for time-limited assistance under the
6 temporary family assistance program after July 1, 1998, shall be
7 assessed for the purpose of developing an employability plan, as
8 follows:

9 (1) The Department of Social Services shall perform an initial
10 assessment in the following areas: Education, employment and
11 training history, basic educational needs and other social service
12 needs, including transportation, child care, child support, domestic

13 violence, substance abuse and mental health.

14 (2) Following completion of the initial assessment conducted
15 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the Department of Social
16 Services shall refer each such person to the Labor Department which
17 shall, in conjunction with the regional workforce development boards,
18 (A) conduct any further assessment of such person, as deemed
19 necessary by the Labor Department to complete such person's
20 employability plan, not later than six months after the initial
21 assessment, (B) finalize the employability plan, (C) identify the services
22 such person requires to fulfill his employability plan, and (D) refer
23 such person for appropriate employment services, including the
24 services identified in subsection (b) of section 17b-688i.

25 (b) The Department of Social Services shall assess each person found
26 eligible for time-limited assistance under the temporary family
27 assistance program on or before July 1, 1998, who is not currently
28 reporting earnings to the Department of Social Services, at the time of
29 redetermination. The Department of Social Services shall conduct such
30 assessment in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this
31 section, unless substantially similar assessment has already been
32 completed for such person. Following the completion of such
33 assessment by the Department of Social Services, the Department of
34 Social Services shall refer such person to the Labor Department for
35 further assessment in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
36 of this section.

37 (c) Each employability plan developed during initial assessment,
38 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include a plan for
39 education, including an assessment of barriers to employment, which
40 shall include, but not be limited to, a literacy and English proficiency
41 assessment, a program of education and job training, whenever the
42 Department of Social Services or the Labor Department determines a
43 person is incapable, without further education or job training, of
44 earning wages equal to the self-sufficiency measurement standard
45 established pursuant to section 4-66e, for such person's family size in

46 the region of the person's residence. Such education or job training
47 shall be reasonably calculated to maximize such person's family
48 income level and shall be counted as part of such person's work
49 activity requirements as prescribed in section 17b-688c, as amended by
50 this act, and shall include reasonable time allowance for class
51 attendance and course study. Such person's employability plan shall
52 provide for the completion of such education or job training program
53 within two years. A program of higher education approved pursuant
54 to this section may include an associate or baccalaureate degree
55 program, provided such degree will permit the person to obtain
56 employment and earn wages equal to the self-sufficiency measurement
57 standard established pursuant to section 4-66e, for such person's
58 family size in the region of the person's residence."