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***Raised Bill No. 6636***

LCO No. 3934

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-605a of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (NEW) (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall seek a  
4 Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver pursuant to  
5 Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act or a Medicaid Research and  
6 Demonstration Waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security  
7 Act to allow Medicaid beneficiaries to arrange and purchase personal  
8 care and support services that will allow such beneficiaries to remain  
9 in a family residence or in their own home. Such a program shall be  
10 limited to individuals who require long-term supports at a level  
11 typically provided in an institution. Such a waiver shall be submitted  
12 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
13 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
14 state agencies and human services in accordance with section 17b-8 not  
15 later than December 31, 2003.

16       Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a pilot  
17 program, within the Department of Social Services, to assist in the  
18 implementation of the Nursing Facilities Transition Grant received by  
19 the state from the federal Department of Health and Human Services  
20 in October, 2002. Proceeds from said grant shall facilitate the transition  
21 of one hundred fifty persons with disabilities from nursing homes to  
22 community living during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June  
23 30, 2006, inclusive. Such pilot program shall allow persons being  
24 transitioned from institutions under the grant to receive, under the  
25 state supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income  
26 program, sufficient funds, that added to the other income, allow such  
27 individuals to meet the minimum financial requirements for living in  
28 the community. Living allowances shall include: (1) A maximum rent  
29 allowance of not less than one hundred ten per cent of the Housing  
30 and Urban Development Fair Market Rent for the municipality in  
31 which the person shall reside, (2) a food and household supplies  
32 allowance of one hundred fifty dollars per week, (3) a utilities  
33 allowance based on the standard state Rental Assistance Program  
34 allowance, (4) a monthly allowance of one hundred fifty dollars for  
35 clothing, personal incidentals and transportation, and (5) an annual  
36 adjustment to reflect changes in the consumer price index for urban  
37 consumers. The Department of Social Services shall collect data on the  
38 comparative cost of community living versus institutional living for  
39 persons covered by the grant and shall annually report their findings  
40 to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

41       (b) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of  
42 Social Services, from the General Fund, for the purpose of  
43 implementing section 2 of this act: (1) Four hundred ten thousand  
44 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (2) eight hundred fifty  
45 thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and (3) one  
46 million two hundred ninety thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending  
47 June 30, 2006.

48       Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated

49 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the  
50 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of expanding the  
51 number of personal care assistance program waiver slots from four  
52 hundred nine to five hundred.

53 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
54 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the  
55 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of expanding the  
56 number of Katie Beckett Model Home and Community Waiver slots  
57 from one hundred twenty-five to two hundred.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the legislative recommendations of the Long-Term Care Advisory Council.

*[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.]*