



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6636

January Session, 2003

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

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established a pilot

20 program, within the Department of Social Services, to assist in the
21 implementation of the Nursing Facilities Transition Grant received by
22 the state from the federal Department of Health and Human Services
23 in October, 2001. Proceeds from said grant shall facilitate the transition
24 of one hundred fifty persons with disabilities from nursing homes to
25 community living during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, to June
26 30, 2006, inclusive. Such pilot program shall allow persons being
27 transitioned from institutions under the grant to receive, under the
28 state supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income
29 program, sufficient funds, that added to the other income, allow such
30 individuals to meet the minimum financial requirements for living in
31 the community. Living allowances shall include: (1) A maximum rent
32 allowance of not less than one hundred ten per cent of the Housing
33 and Urban Development Fair Market Rent for the municipality in
34 which the person will reside, (2) a food and household supplies
35 allowance of one hundred fifty dollars per week, (3) a utilities
36 allowance based on the standard state Rental Assistance Program
37 allowance, (4) a monthly allowance of one hundred fifty dollars for
38 clothing, personal incidentals and transportation, and (5) an annual
39 adjustment to reflect changes in the consumer price index for urban
40 consumers. The Department of Social Services shall collect data on the
41 comparative cost of community living versus institutional living for
42 persons covered by the grant and shall annually report their findings
43 to the Long-Term Care Planning Committee and the Long-Term Care
44 Advisory Council.

45 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) The sum of ____ dollars is
46 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
47 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of
48 implementing section 2 of this act.

49 (b) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated to the Department of
50 Social Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
51 30, 2005, for the purpose of implementing section 2 of this act.

52 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated

53 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the
54 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of expanding, by one
55 hundred, the current number of personal care assistance program
56 waiver slots.

57 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
58 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the
59 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of expanding the
60 number of Katie Beckett Model Home and Community Waiver slots
61 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>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, the phrase "under this section" was changed to "under subsection (a) of this section" for clarity. Subsection (b) of section 2 was restructured as section 3, and the remaining sections were renumbered accordingly for consistency and clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*