



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 727

LCO No. 2675

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:

SEN. PRAGUE, 19th Dist.

REP. MARTINEZ, 128th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR
GRANDCHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE SUBSIDIES.**

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

1 That section 17a-126 of the general statutes be amended to include
2 within the Commissioner of Children and Families' subsidized
3 guardianship program any child who is living with a relative caregiver
4 who has been appointed guardian or coguardian of the child by any
5 court of competent jurisdiction because the parent of the child has died
6 or is terminally ill and the child is at risk of foster care placement and
7 the income of the relative caregiver is less than three hundred per cent
8 of the federal poverty level. The commissioner shall provide a monthly
9 subsidy on behalf of any child not in the care or custody of the
10 commissioner that is equal to the prevailing foster care rate less the
11 amount of any benefits for survivors under the Social Security Act,
12 federal Social Security disability or temporary family assistance that
13 the child is receiving. There shall be established a grandparents-as-
14 parents program within the Department of Social Services to provide
15 support for grandparents who raise a grandchild.

Statement of Purpose:

To assist those financially needy grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.