



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 729

LCO No. 3118

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELDERLY NUTRITION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The state Department of Social Services shall equitably allocate,
4 in accordance with federal law, federal funds received under Title IIIB
5 and IIIC of the Older Americans Act to the five area agencies on aging
6 established pursuant to section 17b-421. The department, before
7 seeking federal approval to spend any amount above that allotted for
8 administrative expenses under said act, shall inform the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to human services that it is seeking such approval.

11 (b) Sixty per cent of the state funds appropriated to the five area
12 agencies on aging for elderly nutrition and social services shall be
13 allocated in the same proportion as allocations made pursuant to
14 subsection (a) of this section. Forty per cent of all state funds
15 appropriated to the five area agencies on aging for elderly nutrition
16 and social services used for purposes other than the required

17 nonfederal matching funds shall be allocated at the discretion of the
18 Commissioner of Social services, in consultation with the area agencies
19 on aging, based on their need for such funds. Any state funds
20 appropriated to the five area agencies on aging for administrative
21 expenses shall be allocated equally. Any annual appropriation of state
22 funds for elderly nutrition shall be increased to reflect the percentage
23 increase in inflation, as defined in section 2-33a.

24 (c) The state Department of Social Services in consultation with the
25 five area agencies on aging shall review the method of allocation set
26 forth in subsection (a) of this section and shall report any findings or
27 recommendations to the joint standing committees on appropriations
28 and human services.

29 (d) An area agency may request a person participating in the elderly
30 nutrition program to pay a voluntary fee for meals furnished except
31 that no eligible person shall be denied a meal due to an inability to pay
32 such fee.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To have funding for the elder nutrition program reflect the increase in inflation.

[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.]

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