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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS AND THE HOME-CARE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services may, within available appropriations, establish and
3 operate a pilot program to allow not more than fifty persons to receive
4 assistance with activities of daily living from a personal care assistant.
5 Such personal care assistant may be, but need not necessarily be, the
6 person's spouse or another family member of the eligible person. In
7 order to be eligible for the pilot program, a person shall be: (1)
8 Ineligible to receive assisted living services under any assisted living
9 services pilot program established by the General Assembly; and (2)
10 eligible for services under the Medicaid waiver portion of the
11 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly established under
12 section 17b-342 of the general statutes. The Commissioner of Social
13 Services shall use the Medicaid rules under 42 USC 1396p(c), as from
14 time to time amended.

15 (b) The pilot program established pursuant to this section may
16 begin operation on or after January 1, 2005. Not later than January 1,

17 2007, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report on the pilot
18 program, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to
19 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and
21 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
23 Services may, within available appropriations, establish and operate a
24 pilot program to allow not more than twenty-five persons to receive
25 assistance with activities of daily living from a personal care assistant.
26 Such personal care assistant may be, but need not necessarily be, the
27 person's spouse or another family member of the eligible person. In
28 order to be eligible for the pilot program, a person shall be: (1)
29 Ineligible to receive assisted living services under any assisted living
30 services pilot program established by the General Assembly; and (2)
31 eligible for services under the state-funded portion of the Connecticut
32 home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342
33 of the general statutes. The Commissioner of Social Services shall use
34 the Medicaid rules under 42 USC 1396p(c), as from time to time
35 amended.

36 (b) The pilot program established pursuant to this section may
37 begin operation on or after January 1, 2005. Not later than January 1,
38 2007, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report on the pilot
39 program, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to
40 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
41 cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and
42 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program for individuals in the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly to fund services provided by personal care assistants.

[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.]