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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-3 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services [is authorized to] shall do
5 all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any federal
6 funds made available or allotted under any federal act for social
7 service development, or any other projects, programs or activities
8 which may be established by state or federal law, for any of the
9 purposes or activities related thereto, and said commissioner shall
10 administer any such funds allotted to the department in accordance
11 with applicable state and federal law. Not later than July 1, 2006, and
12 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with
13 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
14 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
15 the budgets of state agencies and human services on: (1) The amount

16 of any federal funds applied for, qualified for, accepted and allotted,
17 including, but not limited to, specific information with respect to Title
18 IV-E of Social Security Act and the Early and Periodic Screening
19 Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program under 42 USC 1396d; (2)
20 the purposes for which funds are to be used; and (3) any other
21 information that the commissioner deems pertinent concerning the
22 ability or inability of the department to access federal funds. The
23 commissioner may enter into contracts with the federal government
24 concerning the use and repayment of such funds under any such
25 federal act, the prosecution of the work under any such contract and
26 the establishment of and disbursement from a separate account in
27 which federal and state funds estimated to be required for plan
28 preparation or other eligible activities under such federal act shall be
29 kept. Said account shall not be a part of the General Fund of the state
30 or any subdivision of the state.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Children
32 and Families shall do all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and
33 accept any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal
34 act to enhance the development of children and youth, or any other
35 projects, programs or activities which may be established by state or
36 federal law, for any of the purposes or activities related thereto, and
37 said commissioner shall administer any such funds allotted to the
38 department in accordance with applicable state and federal law. Not
39 later than July 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
40 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
41 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
42 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
43 and human services on: (1) The amount of any federal funds applied
44 for, qualified for, accepted and allotted, including, but not limited to,
45 specific information with respect to the Foster Care Independence Act
46 of 1999, 42 USC 677 et seq.; (2) the purposes for which such funds are
47 to be used; and (3) any other information that the commissioner deems
48 pertinent concerning the ability or inability of the department to access
49 federal funds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-3(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioners of Social Services and Children and Families to seek additional federal moneys to fund programs administered by said agencies and to require the commissioners to file an annual report with the appropriations and human services committees on the status of such endeavors.

[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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