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**Committee Bill No. 5699**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAMS  
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

1       Section 1. Section 17b-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3       (a) The commissioner, upon receipt of an application for aid, shall  
4       promptly and with due diligence make an investigation, such  
5       investigation to be completed within forty-five days after receipt of the  
6       application or within sixty days after receipt of the application in the  
7       case of an application in which a determination of disability must be  
8       made. If an application for an award is not acted on within forty-five  
9       days after the filing of an application, or within sixty days in the case  
10      of an application in which a determination of disability must be made,  
11      the applicant may apply to the commissioner for a hearing in  
12      accordance with sections 17b-60 and 17b-61. The commissioner shall  
13      grant aid only if [he] the commissioner finds the applicant eligible  
14      therefor, in which case [he] the commissioner shall grant aid in such  
15      amount, determined in accordance with levels of payments established  
16      by the commissioner, as is needed in order to enable the applicant to

17 support himself, or, in the case of temporary family assistance, to  
18 enable the relative to support such dependent child or children and  
19 himself, in health and decency, including the costs of such medical  
20 care as [he] the commissioner deems necessary and reasonable, not in  
21 excess of the amounts set forth in the various fee schedules  
22 promulgated by the [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner  
23 for medical, dental and allied services and supplies or the charges  
24 made for comparable services and supplies to the general public,  
25 whichever is less, and the cost of necessary hospitalization as is  
26 provided in section 17b-239, over and above hospital insurance or  
27 other such benefits, including workers' compensation and claims for  
28 negligent or wilful injury. The commissioner, subject to the provisions  
29 of subsection (b) of this section, shall in determining need, take into  
30 consideration any available income and resources of the individual  
31 claiming assistance. The commissioner shall make periodic  
32 investigations to determine eligibility and may, at any time, modify,  
33 suspend or discontinue an award previously made when such action is  
34 necessary to carry out the provisions of the state supplement program,  
35 medical assistance program, temporary family assistance program,  
36 state-administered general assistance program or food stamps  
37 program. The parent or parents of any child for whom aid is received  
38 under the temporary family assistance program and any beneficiary  
39 receiving assistance under the state supplement program shall be  
40 conclusively presumed to have accepted the provisions of sections 17b-  
41 93, 17b-94 and 17b-95.

42 (b) (1) In making determinations for initial or continued eligibility  
43 for any program operated or administered by the Department of Social  
44 Services, the commissioner shall, to the extent permitted by federal  
45 law, exclude as income to a program applicant or program beneficiary,  
46 any sums attributable to the annual inflation adjustment in Social  
47 Security income.

48 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) The commissioner shall disregard any earned income of a  
49 child who is a student in determining the eligibility, standard of need

50 and amount of assistance of a family in the [TFA] temporary family  
51 assistance program.

52 (c) No person shall be eligible for the state supplement program  
53 whose assets as defined by the commissioner exceed sixteen hundred  
54 dollars or, if living with a spouse, whose combined assets exceed  
55 twenty-four hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section	July 1, 2005	17b-80

**HS**

*Joint Favorable C/R*

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