



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6435**

LCO No. 1740

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:

REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.

**AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT THE WILLIAM T. ROWE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN NEW HAVEN.**

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

- 1 That funding be provided for supportive services at a new
- 2 supportive housing demonstration project at the William T. Rowe
- 3 public housing development in New Haven which will be targeted to
- 4 low income persons with mental health disabilities or a history of
- 5 substance abuse problems.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To support a project that will provide a cost-effective means for providing permanent, affordable housing with support for persons with behavioral health disabilities. Unlike traditional supportive housing programs, which require new funding for both housing assistance and services, the proposed Rowe demonstration project takes advantage of mainstream federal housing assistance. The Rowe demonstration project will support state and local goals to reduce and prevent homelessness by providing support necessary to help persons maintain lease compliance and avoid cycles of eviction and episodic

homelessness. William T. Rowe is a particularly ideal site for this demonstration project because of its proximity to a major hospital and mental health services. The supportive housing demonstration project is intended to be coordinated with a federally-funded major renovation of the building, including development of community space for on-site services.