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LCO No. 2939

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) [Until June 30, 2006, the] The Commissioner of Social Services
4 shall, within available appropriations, establish and operate a state-
5 funded pilot program to allow no more than one hundred fifty persons
6 who are sixty-five years of age or older and meet the eligibility
7 requirements of the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly
8 established under section 17b-342 to receive personal care assistance as
9 an alternative covered service to home health services in order to avoid
10 institutionalization, provided: [the average annual cost to the state per
11 recipient of personal care assistance under the pilot program does not
12 exceed the average annual cost to the state per recipient of home health
13 services under the home-care program] (1) Such services are cost
14 effective as determined by the Commissioner of Social Services, (2)
15 such persons had received services under the personal care assistance
16 program established under section 17b-605, at any time within the

17 twelve-month period preceding such person's sixty-fifth birthday, and
18 (3) the commissioner determines that such persons are unable to access
19 adequate home care services, to receive personal care assistance in
20 order to avoid institutionalization. Personal care assistance under the
21 program may be provided by nonspousal family members of the
22 recipient of services under the program.

23 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the
24 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation
25 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care
26 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the
27 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the
28 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

29 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to
30 be paid for such services under the pilot program. [and may set a
31 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services
32 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by
33 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and
34 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.]

35 (d) Not later than January 1, [2006] 2007, the Commissioner of Social
36 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint
37 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
38 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of
41 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in
42 accordance with section 11-4a.

43 Sec. 2. Section 17b-342b of the general statutes and section 47 of
44 public act 00-2 of the June special session are repealed. (*Effective July 1,*
45 *2005*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-342a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-342b repealed

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the administration of the current personal care assistance pilot programs operated by the Department of Social Services.

[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.]