



General Assembly

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**Bill No. 6693**

LCO No. 3343

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

REP. WARD, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. DELUCA, 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND ENROLLMENT IN FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-218 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (NEW) (g) Any person who is in or is seeking a placement through  
4 the Department of Mental Retardation or is receiving any support or  
5 service that is included within or covered by any federal program  
6 being administered and operated by the Department of Social Services  
7 and the Department of Mental Retardation, and who meets the  
8 eligibility criteria for the federal program, shall enroll in such program  
9 in order to continue in the existing placement or to remain eligible for  
10 a placement or continue to receive such support or service. Any person  
11 who is ineligible for such federal program due to excess income or  
12 assets may continue in existing placement, or continue to receive  
13 existing supports and services through the Department of Mental

14 Retardation while spending down available excess income and assets  
15 until such person qualifies for enrollment in the applicable federal  
16 program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17a-218

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*