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**Committee Bill No. 171**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN MAKING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS 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 Section 17b-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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) The commissioner, in making a determination for initial or  
43 continued eligibility for any program operated or administered by the  
44 Department of Social Services, shall, to the extent permitted by federal  
45 law, exclude as income to a program applicant or program beneficiary,  
46 any sums received by such person that are attributable to payments  
47 from the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-  
48 90 or 17a-126.

49     (2) The commissioner, in making a determination for initial or  
50 continued eligibility for any program operated or administered by the  
51 department, submitted by a person receiving relative caregiver  
52 subsidy payments pursuant to section 17a-126, shall exclude as income  
53 to such relative caregiver any earned income attributable to the child  
54 for whom the subsidized guardianship payments are made.

55     [(b)] (3) The commissioner shall disregard any earned income of a  
56 child who is a student in determining the eligibility, standard of need  
57 and amount of assistance of a family in the [TFA] temporary family  
58 assistance program.

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

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

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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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