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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:
(HSG)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A 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 Section 1. Section 17a-484a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Eligible households" means persons or families who are affected
5 by psychiatric disabilities or chemical dependency, or both, and who
6 are homeless or at risk of homelessness;

7 (2) "Homeless or at risk of homelessness" means (A) living on the
8 streets or in shelters, (B) coming out of homeless programs or
9 transitional housing and having no permanent housing, (C) living in
10 unsafe or abusive environments, (D) paying more than fifty per cent of
11 income for rent, (E) living in overcrowded conditions, or (F) being in
12 need of supportive services in order to maintain permanent housing;
13 and

14 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Mental Health and
15 Addiction Services.

16 (b) The commissioner shall implement and administer a program to
17 provide grants-in-aid to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of
18 providing support services to eligible households. Such services shall
19 be designed to enable residents of eligible households to (1) obtain and
20 keep permanent housing, (2) increase their job skills and income, and
21 (3) achieve greater self-determination.

22 (c) The commissioner shall leverage funding from private and
23 federal funding sources in providing grants-in-aid for support services
24 under this section.

25 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
26 chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

27 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
28 in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and Community
29 Development, shall establish a demonstration project at the William T.
30 Rowe Public Housing Development in the city and town of New
31 Haven to provide support services and education and training in lease
32 compliance to low-income individuals with mental health disabilities
33 or a history of substance abuse problems.

34 (2) On or before July 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
35 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall submit a
36 report on the demonstration project along with his findings and
37 recommendations, to the select committee of the General Assembly
38 having cognizance of matters relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	17a-484a

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a supportive housing demonstration project at the William T. Rowe Public Housing Development in New Haven that targets to provide low-income individuals with mental health disabilities or a history of substance abuse problems with support services and skills in lease compliance, thereby reducing and preventing homelessness by providing supports necessary to help individuals maintain lease compliance and avoid cycles of eviction and episodic homelessness.

[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.]

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