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Committee Bill No. 762

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-104 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer the
5 program of state supplementation to the Supplemental Security
6 Income Program provided for by the Social Security Act and state law.
7 In making eligibility determinations for the program of state
8 supplementation to the Supplemental Security Income Program, the
9 commissioner shall exclude as income to the applicant, any proceeds of
10 a personal injury settlement placed into a special needs trust, as
11 described in 42 USC 1396p(d)(4), for the benefit of the individual
12 making application for eligibility in the program. The commissioner
13 may delegate any powers and authority to any deputy, assistant,
14 investigator or supervisor, who shall have, within the scope of the
15 power and authority so delegated, all of the power and authority of
16 the Commissioner of Social Services. On and after January 1, 1994, the

17 commissioner shall establish a standard of need based on the cost of
 18 living in this state for the temporary family assistance program and the
 19 state-administered general assistance program. The commissioner
 20 shall make a reinvestigation, at least every twelve months, of all cases
 21 receiving aid from the state, except that such reinvestigation may be
 22 conducted every twenty-four months for recipients of assistance to the
 23 elderly or disabled with stable circumstances, and shall maintain all
 24 case records of the several programs administered by the Department
 25 of Social Services so that such records show, at all times, full
 26 information with respect to eligibility of the applicant or recipient. In
 27 the determination of need under any public assistance program, such
 28 income or earnings shall be disregarded as federal law requires, and
 29 such income or earnings may be disregarded as federal law permits.
 30 The commissioner shall encourage and promulgate such incentive
 31 earning programs as are permitted by federal law and regulations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	17b-104(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow disabled individuals who are the beneficiaries of special needs disabilities trusts to continue to remain eligible for state supplementation to Social Security Income Program benefits.

[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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