



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 293**

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House Bill No. 7127

*House of Representatives, April 3, 2007*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. VILLANO of the 91st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSITIONARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-811a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement and  
5 administer, within available appropriations, a program of transitional  
6 rental assistance for private housing for persons who are employed at  
7 the time they leave the temporary family assistance program and who:  
8 (1) Have income which exceeds the payment standard under said  
9 program, or (2) are employed a minimum of twelve hours per week.  
10 The commissioner may establish a durational limit for the receipt of  
11 such assistance which shall not exceed a period of twelve months. The  
12 commissioner may establish priorities for allocating transitional  
13 rental assistance based on whether a person is eligible pursuant to  
14 subdivision (1) or subdivision (2) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-811a(a)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill allows the Department of Social Services to establish priorities for allocating transitional rental assistance. As this program is not an entitlement, and is operated within available appropriations, changing the allocation of benefits will change the number of clients served. Therefore, there is no associated fiscal impact.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 7127**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill permits the social services commissioner to establish priorities for allocating transitional rental assistance. By law, the transitional rental assistance program provides up to 12 months of rental assistance for private housing to people leaving the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program who either (1) have income that exceeds the TFA benefit (\$543 per month for a family of three living in most parts of the state) or (2) work at least 12 hours per week. The program is administered within available appropriations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/20/2007)