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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-317 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [There is] Effective July 1, 2008, there shall be established a
4 Department on Aging which shall be under the direction and
5 supervision of the Commissioner on Aging who shall be appointed by
6 the Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8,
7 inclusive, with the powers and duties prescribed in said sections. The
8 commissioner shall be knowledgeable and experienced with respect to
9 the conditions and needs of elderly persons and shall serve on a full-
10 time basis.

11 (b) The Commissioner on Aging shall administer all laws under the
12 jurisdiction of the Department on Aging and shall employ the most
13 efficient and practical means for the provision of care and protection of
14 elderly persons. The commissioner shall have the power and duty to
15 do the following: (1) Administer, coordinate and direct the operation

16 of the department; (2) adopt and enforce regulations, in accordance
17 with chapter 54, as necessary to implement the purposes of the
18 department as established by statute; (3) establish rules for the internal
19 operation and administration of the department; (4) establish and
20 develop programs and administer services to achieve the purposes of
21 the department; (5) contract for facilities, services and programs to
22 implement the purposes of the department; (6) act as advocate for
23 necessary additional comprehensive and coordinated programs for
24 elderly persons; (7) assist and advise all appropriate state, federal, local
25 and area planning agencies for elderly persons in the performance of
26 their functions and duties pursuant to federal law and regulation; (8)
27 plan services and programs for elderly persons; (9) coordinate
28 outreach activities by public and private agencies serving elderly
29 persons; and (10) consult and cooperate with area and private
30 planning agencies.

31 (c) The functions, powers, duties and personnel of the Division of
32 Elderly Services of the Department of Social Services, or any
33 subsequent division or portion of a division with similar functions,
34 powers, personnel and duties, shall be transferred to the Department
35 on Aging pursuant to the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.

36 (d) Any order or regulation of the Department of Social Services or
37 the Commission on Aging that is in force on [January 1, 2007] July 1,
38 2008, shall continue in force and effect as an order or regulation until
39 amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law.

40 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2008, the
41 results of both the comprehensive needs assessment of the unmet long-
42 term care needs in the state conducted pursuant to special act 02-7, as
43 amended by section 38 of public act 06-188, and the independent study
44 conducted by Southern Connecticut State University concerning the
45 establishment of the Department on Aging shall be presented to the
46 General Assembly for their consideration with respect to the functions,
47 powers and duties of the newly reestablished Department on Aging.

