



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 761

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAYMENTS MADE
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE
CARE OF A CHILD.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 46b-129 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (l) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall pay directly to
5 the person or persons furnishing goods or services determined by said
6 commissioner to be necessary for the care and maintenance of such
7 child or youth the reasonable expense thereof, payment to be made at
8 intervals determined by said commissioner; and the Comptroller shall
9 draw his or her order on the Treasurer, from time to time, for such part
10 of the appropriation for care of committed children or youths as may
11 be needed in order to enable the commissioner to make such
12 payments. The commissioner shall include in the department's annual
13 budget a sum estimated to be sufficient to carry out the provisions of
14 this section. Notwithstanding that any such child or youth has income
15 or estate, the commissioner may pay the cost of care and maintenance
16 of such child or youth. The commissioner may bill to and collect from
17 the person in charge of the estate of any child or youth aided under
18 this chapter, including such child's or youth's decedent estate, or the

19 payee of such child's or youth's income, the total amount expended for
20 care of such child or youth or such portion thereof as any such estate
21 or payee is able to reimburse. Any claim for amounts expended for
22 such care and maintenance shall be subject to the following conditions:
23 (1) Recovery shall be limited to the cost of the first year of such care
24 and maintenance; (2) no collection action shall be taken with respect to
25 any cost associated with placement of a person up to age twenty-three
26 in an independent living program administered by the Department of
27 Social Services or the Department of Children and Families; and (3)
28 prior to billing or collection, the Commissioner of Children and
29 Families shall consent, in writing, to such action with respect to each
30 such estate and shall provide a copy of such consent not later than
31 thirty days after its execution to the chairpersons and ranking
32 members of the select committee of the General Assembly having
33 cognizance of matters relating to children.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2007	46b-129(1)
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