



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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(l)
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**APP**      *Joint Favorable*