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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT PROVIDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PROMOTING FAMILY REUNIFICATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Children and Families shall implement and administer, within
3 available appropriations, a program of rental assistance for low-
4 income families that have had a child removed from their custody and
5 placed under the care and custody of the commissioner. The
6 commissioner may provide rental assistance under the program if the
7 commissioner finds that the lack of adequate housing is the sole
8 impediment to reunification of the child with the family. The
9 commissioner shall coordinate assistance under this section with rental
10 assistance available from other sources. Assistance under this section
11 may be in addition to rental assistance available from other sources,
12 except that the assistance under this section shall be reduced to the
13 extent that the total of all such assistance exceeds the actual cost of
14 such housing. Participants under the program shall be required to
15 reapply for such rental assistance at least annually in accordance with
16 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. For

17 the purposes of this section, a low-income family is one whose income
18 does not exceed fifty per cent of the median family income for the area
19 of the state in which such family lives, as determined by the
20 commissioner.

21 (b) Assistance may be provided for housing under the program if
22 the housing complies with applicable state and local health, housing,
23 building and safety codes.

24 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
25 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement this section. The
26 regulations shall establish (1) criteria for determining the amount of
27 rental assistance provided to eligible families, and (2) renewal
28 procedures for such assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a rental assistance program that allows the Commissioner of Children and Families to provide assistance to children and families who would otherwise qualify for reunification except for the lack of adequate housing.

[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.]