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CACIL is a non-profit corporation consisting of five (5) Centers for Independent Living (CIL) located in Hartford, Norwich, West Haven, Naugatuck and Stratford. CILs are community based, non-residential, consumer controlled and cross-disability. Each follows the Independent Living Philosophy of self-help, self-reliance and self-determination.

CACIL SUPPORTS

Proposed H.B. No. 7065 *AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WAIVER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.*

Purpose: To ensure that any waiver application submitted by the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-8 of the general statutes is in accordance with any recommendations made by the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

The drafting and implementation of waivers by the Department of Social Services are of tremendous consequence to the disability community. All information and assumptions used in the waiver process should be transparent and open to public scrutiny. The public is best served by open hearings before elected officials.