



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5496

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING AGENCY ASSISTANCE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) All applications, brochures
2 and web sites regarding any program or service that the state
3 administers shall not contain vague, misleading or insufficient
4 information that may imply that such program or service exceeds the
5 authorization granted by the general statutes or any other law, rule or
6 regulation of the state. If a person relies, in good faith, on such vague,
7 misleading or insufficient information provided by an agency from
8 which that person is seeking assistance, and incurs a debt as a result of
9 such reliance, that agency shall be responsible for reimbursing the
10 person for the debt incurred. Determination of liability shall be
11 determined through an administrative hearing, in accordance with
12 chapter 54 of the general statutes. The hearing shall be requested no
13 later than sixty days after the denial of an agency to pay such debt.
14 Any person, who relied on, in good faith, vague, misleading or
15 insufficient information provided by an agency and incurred a debt as
16 a result of such reliance on or after July 1, 2006, shall be eligible to
17 request a hearing under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent agencies of the state to provide vague, misleading or insufficient information to persons seeking assistance of such agency.

[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.]