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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL PILOT PROJECT WITH
RESPECT TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
2 2009, and June 30, 2010, the Commissioner of Social Services shall
3 permit the towns of Hamden, New Haven, East Haven, West Haven
4 and North Haven to administer, on a pilot program basis, the energy
5 assistance programs funded by the Department of Social Services that
6 were administered for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, by the
7 Community Action Agency of New Haven. The commissioner shall
8 permit said towns to perform all functions previously performed by
9 the Community Action Agency of New Haven with respect to the
10 administration of such programs, including, but not limited to,
11 acceptance of applications, certification of applications, transmission of
12 applications to the department, authorization of fuel deliveries,
13 performance of case management services, outreach activities and
14 payment of vendors participating in such programs. The
15 Commissioner of Social Services, after consultation with officials of
16 said towns and the Community Action Agency of New Haven, may

17 elect to allow said community action agency to retain certain functions
18 with respect to the administration of such energy assistance programs
19 if the commissioner determines that the retention of such functions by
20 the community action agency will promote the administrative
21 efficiency of the programs. All provisions of the regulations of
22 Connecticut state agencies concerning energy assistance programs
23 administered by the Department of Social Services shall remain in full
24 force and effect with respect to the pilot program. Not later than April
25 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Social Services, after consultation with
26 officials from said towns, shall recommend to the General Assembly
27 whether the towns should continue to administer such energy
28 assistance programs beyond the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

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

HS *Joint Favorable*