



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5622

LCO No. 2046

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF SHELTER SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD ABUSE AND AN APPROPRIATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-850 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The Department of Social Services shall establish a program for
4 shelter services for victims of household abuse and may contract with
5 any nonprofit organization to provide such services in the locality
6 served by such nonprofit organization. The program [may] shall
7 include, but need not be limited to, the following: (1) Rental and
8 maintenance of a shelter facility, [;] (2) access to host homes and motels
9 and referrals to long term shelters; (3) provision for twenty-four-hour
10 on-site support staff; [(3)] (4) provision for emergency food and living
11 expenses; and [(4)] (5) such social services as are deemed necessary by
12 the Commissioner of Social Services.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations in
14 accordance with chapter 54 necessary to implement the purposes of

15 this section.

16 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2008) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
17 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the
18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for increased funds for the legal
19 services program for indigent persons, established pursuant to section
20 17b-21 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	17b-850
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the program for shelter services to include access to host homes and motels and referrals to long-term shelters and provide additional funding for legal services in domestic relations matters for indigent persons.

[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.]