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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMITS FOR
TRANSITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE-ADMINISTERED
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17b-191 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (d) [Cash assistance to a transitional individual shall be limited to a
5 twenty-four-month period of eligibility with no more than ten months
6 of assistance in the first twelve months of eligibility and no more than
7 six months of assistance in the second twelve months of eligibility,
8 except that such durational limits shall not apply to a transitional
9 individual not classified as such solely due to mental illness or
10 substance abuse or to a transitional individual who has a dependent
11 child under eighteen years of age.] Prior to or upon discontinuance of
12 assistance, a person previously determined to be a transitional
13 individual may petition the commissioner to review the determination
14 of his or her status. In such review, the commissioner shall consider
15 factors, including, but not limited to: (1) Age; (2) education; (3)

16 vocational training; (4) mental and physical health; and (5)
17 employment history and shall make a determination of such person's
18 ability to obtain gainful employment. [Upon determination by the
19 commissioner that a transitional individual is not unemployable, the
20 person shall be ineligible to receive cash assistance for one year, unless
21 such person produces medical verification of a substantial
22 deterioration in his or her physical or mental condition or a new
23 condition of such severity and duration that it precludes employment
24 for a period of at least six months.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	17b-191(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify how long a person may qualify for cash assistance under the state-administered general assistance program as a transitional individual and to ensure that departmental policy is consistent with state law.

[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.]