



General Assembly

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5786**

February Session, 2008

LCO No. 3295

AN ACT CONCERNING LOW-INCOME HEATING ASSISTANCE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 16a-41a of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (d) [If funding allows, the Commissioner of Social Services, in
5 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
6 Management, shall require that, each] Each community action agency
7 administering a fuel assistance program shall begin accepting
8 applications for the program not later than September first of each
9 year.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Social
11 Services shall develop a plan for providing funds for weatherization
12 projects for low-income households participating in the Connecticut
13 energy assistance program, prioritizing assistance to households with

14 incomes below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and
15 coordinating provision of assistance to maximize effectiveness of the
16 funds with the weatherization assistance provided to low-income
17 households administered by the municipal and public service utility
18 companies in programs overseen by the Energy Conservation
19 Management Board pursuant to sections 16-245m, 16-32f and 7-233y of
20 the general statutes and the Fuel Oil Conservation Board pursuant to
21 section 16-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. No later
22 than August 1, 2008, and at least forty-five days before
23 implementation, the department shall submit said plan for expenditure
24 of these funds to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, the Fuel Oil
25 Conservation Board and the Energy Conservation Management Board
26 for input and advice. The Energy Conservation Management Board
27 may order modification of the plan to ensure effective prioritization
28 and coordination of weatherization assistance in accordance with this
29 section.

30 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of five million seven hundred
31 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,
32 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for
33 funds for weatherization projects for low-income households
34 participating in the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant
35 to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	16a-41a(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section