AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROJECT.

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

Section 1. Section 17b-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2009):

(a) The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, shall submit an application to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Money Follows the Person demonstration project. Such project shall serve not more than five thousand persons and shall be designed to achieve the objectives set forth in Section 6071(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Services available under the demonstration project shall include, but not be limited to, personal care assistance services. The commissioner may apply for a Medicaid research and demonstration waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act, if such waiver is necessary to implement the demonstration project. The commissioner may, if necessary, modify any existing Medicaid home or community-based waiver if such modification is required to implement the demonstration project.
(b) On or before October 1, 2009, and semiannually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a written report on the Money Follows the Person demonstration project to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, in accordance with section 11-4a. The report shall include, but need not be limited to (1) the status of the implementation of the Money Follows the Person demonstration project, (2) the anticipated date that the first eligible person or persons will be transitioned into the community, and (3) a timeline detailing when and how the Department of Social Services will transition additional eligible persons into the community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To require the Commissioner of Social Services to file semiannual reports with the General Assembly on the status of the Money Follows the Person demonstration project.

[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.]