



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6675**

LCO No. 4575

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and  
3 the State Comptroller shall develop short-term and long-term  
4 recommendations addressing the most effective use of the temporary  
5 increase in federal funds received by the state, including but not  
6 limited to, federal funds received that are attributable to the enhanced  
7 federal medical assistance percentage, for purposes of utilizing such  
8 funds to provide improved access to health care for state residents.  
9 Such recommendations may address topics that include, but are not  
10 limited to, provider reimbursement rates, expanded enrollment in  
11 existing state health care programs, the improved delivery of health  
12 care services through existing state health care programs, development  
13 of health information technology and improved leveraging of federal  
14 dollars for state health care costs. On or before July 1, 2009, the  
15 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with the  
16 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, such

17 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General  
18 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,  
19 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that federal stimulus funds received by the state are utilized in a manner that improves access to health care and the quality of health care delivered by state programs.

*[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.]*