



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 52**

February Session, 2010

Substitute House Bill No. 5109

*House of Representatives, March 16, 2010*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF REDETERMINATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342 of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2010*):

4 (NEW) (k) The commissioner shall notify by electronic mail or  
5 facsimile any access agency or area agency on aging that administers  
6 the program when the department sends a redetermination of  
7 eligibility form to an individual within the geographical area of the  
8 access agency.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	17b-342
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**AGE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Department of Social Services	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Social Services to notify any access agency or area agency on aging when the department sends a redetermination form to an individual in the relevant geographic area. Such notice shall be by electronic mail or facsimile. The department will incur additional administrative costs to meet the bill's notification requirements. Any such costs are expected to be minimal as the department already has contractual relations with these agencies.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5109**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), whenever it sends its annual eligibility redetermination form to a person participating in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), to notify the access agency or area agency on aging (AAA) administering the program in the area where the person lives. It must send the notice electronically or by facsimile.

DSS contracts with three agencies in different areas of the state to provide coordination, assessment, and monitoring services for CHCPE: Connecticut Community Care, Inc., (the access agency), South Central AAA, and Southwestern AAA. Among other functions, they help people fill out the forms required for program participation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 11 Nay 0 (02/18/2010)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/04/2010)