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**Raised Bill No. 5068**

LCO No. 435

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-8 of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit: [an] (1) An  
5 application for a federal waiver of any assistance program  
6 requirements, except such application pertaining to routine  
7 operational issues, and (2) any proposed amendment to the Medicaid  
8 state plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
9 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
10 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies prior to the  
11 submission of such application to the federal government or  
12 implementation of such amendment to the Medicaid state plan. Not  
13 later than thirty days after the date of their receipt of such application  
14 or proposed amendment, the joint standing committees shall: [(1)] (A)  
15 Hold a public hearing on the waiver application or proposed  
16 amendment, and [(2)] (B) thereafter advise the commissioner of their

17 approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the commissioner's  
18 application or proposed amendment. If the joint standing committees  
19 advise the commissioner of their denial of the commissioner's  
20 application or proposed amendment, the commissioner shall not  
21 submit the application for a federal waiver to the federal government  
22 or implement any provisions of the proposed amendment. If such  
23 committees do not concur, the committee chairpersons shall appoint a  
24 committee of conference which shall be composed of three members  
25 from each joint standing committee. At least one member appointed  
26 from each joint standing committee shall be a member of the minority  
27 party. The report of the committee of conference shall be made to each  
28 joint standing committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
29 report. The report of the committee of conference may not be  
30 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
31 committee of conference, that joint standing committee shall notify the  
32 commissioner of the rejection and the commissioner's application or  
33 proposed amendment shall be deemed approved. If the joint standing  
34 committees accept the report, the committee having cognizance of  
35 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
36 shall advise the commissioner of their approval, denial or  
37 modifications, if any, of the commissioner's application or proposed  
38 amendment. If the joint standing committees do not so advise the  
39 commissioner during the thirty-day period, the application or  
40 proposed amendment shall be deemed approved. Any application for  
41 a federal waiver submitted by the commissioner or amendment to the  
42 Medicaid state plan implemented by the commissioner, pursuant to  
43 this section, shall be in accordance with the approval or modifications,  
44 if any, of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
45 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
46 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

47 (b) If in developing the budget for the department for the next fiscal  
48 year, the commissioner contemplates applying for a federal waiver or  
49 amending the Medicaid state plan, the commissioner shall notify the  
50 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

51 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
52 and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
53 cognizance of matters relating to human services of the possibility of  
54 such application or proposed amendment.

55 (c) Prior to submission of an application for a waiver from federal  
56 law or a proposed amendment to the Medicaid state plan to the  
57 General Assembly under subsection (a) of this section, the  
58 Commissioner of Social Services shall publish a notice that the  
59 commissioner intends to seek such a waiver or proposes such  
60 amendment in the Connecticut Law Journal, along with a summary of  
61 the provisions of the waiver application or proposed amendment and  
62 the manner in which individuals may submit comments. The  
63 commissioner shall allow fifteen days for written comments on the  
64 waiver application or proposed amendment prior to submission of the  
65 application for a waiver or proposed amendment to the General  
66 Assembly under subsection (a) of this section and shall include all  
67 written comments with the waiver application or proposed  
68 amendment in the submission to the General Assembly.

69 (d) The commissioner shall include with any waiver application  
70 submitted to the federal government pursuant to this section: (1) Any  
71 written comments received pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;  
72 and (2) a complete transcript of the joint standing committee  
73 proceedings held pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, including  
74 any additional written comments submitted to the joint standing  
75 committees at such proceedings. The joint standing committees shall  
76 transmit any such materials to the commissioner for inclusion with any  
77 such waiver application.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-8

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to submit all proposed amendments to the Medicaid state plan to the human services and appropriations committees.

*[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.]*