



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5399

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AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING REPAYMENT FOR SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-77 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (a) Application for aid under the state supplement program,
5 medical assistance program, temporary family assistance program,
6 state-administered general assistance program and supplemental
7 nutrition assistance program, shall be made to the Commissioner of
8 Social Services. The name and address of each such applicant shall be
9 recorded with the commissioner. Such application, in the case of
10 temporary family assistance, shall be made by the supervising relative,
11 his authorized representative, or, in the case of an individual who is
12 incapacitated, someone acting responsibly for him and shall contain
13 the name and the exact residence of such applicant, the name, place
14 and date of birth of each dependent child, the Social Security number
15 of the supervising relative and of each dependent child, and such other
16 information as is required by the commissioner. If such supervising
17 relative or any such child does not have a Social Security number, the
18 commissioner shall assist in obtaining a Social Security number for
19 each such person seeking public assistance and during the time

20 required to obtain such Social Security numbers the supervising
21 relative and children shall not be precluded from eligibility under this
22 section. By such application, the applicant shall assign to the
23 commissioner the right of support, present, past and future, due all
24 persons seeking assistance and shall assist the commissioner in
25 pursuing support obligations due from the noncustodial parent. On
26 and after October 1, 2008, such assignment under the temporary family
27 assistance program shall apply only to such support rights as accrue
28 during the period of assistance, not to exceed the total amount of
29 assistance provided to the family under said program. Notice of such
30 assignment shall be conspicuously placed on said application and shall
31 be explained to the applicant at the time of application. All information
32 required to be provided to the commissioner as a condition of such
33 eligibility under federal law shall be so provided by the applicant,
34 provided, no person shall be determined to be ineligible if the
35 applicant has good cause for the refusal to provide information
36 concerning the noncustodial parent or if the provision of such
37 information would be against the best interests of the dependent child
38 or children, or any of them. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
39 adopt by regulation, in accordance with chapter 54, standards as to
40 good cause and best interests of the child. Any person aggrieved by a
41 decision of the commissioner as to the determination of good cause or
42 the best interests of such child or children may request a fair hearing in
43 accordance with the provisions of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61. All
44 statements made by the applicant concerning income, resources and
45 any other matters pertaining to eligibility shall be certified to by the
46 applicant as true and correct under penalty of false statement, and for
47 any such certified statement which is untrue or incorrect such
48 applicant shall be subject to the penalties provided for false statement
49 under section 17b-97.

50 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall notify each applicant
51 for aid under the state supplement program, medical assistance
52 program, temporary family assistance program and state-administered
53 general assistance program and each person who may be liable for

54 repayment of such aid of the provisions of sections 17b-93 to 17b-97,
55 inclusive, in general terms, at the time of application for such aid or, in
56 the case of a person who may be liable for repayment of such aid, not
57 later than thirty days after the applicant is determined to be eligible for
58 such aid. The notice shall be (1) written in plain language, (2) in an
59 easily readable and understandable format, and (3) whenever possible,
60 in the first language of the applicant or person who may be liable for
61 repayment of such aid.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2010	17b-77
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*