



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 405

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COST EFFECTIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FREQUENT USERS OF COSTLY STATE SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Interagency
3 Committee for Supportive Housing established to carry out the
4 purposes of section 17a-485c of the general statutes, shall develop new
5 permanent supportive housing for low-income, homeless individuals
6 and families who have chronic illnesses or disabilities. The
7 commissioner shall prioritize the provision of such supportive housing
8 to (1) homeless individuals and families with chronic illnesses or
9 disabilities who are dependent on costly emergency health care
10 services, and (2) individuals who reside in institutions and are
11 frequent users of state services. The commissioner, in collaboration
12 with the Interagency Committee on Supportive Housing, shall develop
13 innovative methods for the expansion of supportive housing for the
14 benefit of persons described in this section, including, but not limited
15 to, methods that utilize existing housing, maximize the provision of
16 state services for such persons and access additional funding from the

17 federal government, philanthropic organizations and public housing
18 authorities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the availability of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families who are frequent users of costly state services.

[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.]