



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 134

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Senate Bill No. 1041

Senate, March 22, 2011

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REPEALING A STATUTE CONCERNING FEDERAL AID FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 17b-13 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
- 2 *from passage*)

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
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HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

Enactment of this bill, which repeals a statute designating the Department of Social Services as the lead state agency to administer federal financial aid for emergency relief purposes, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. The bill brings statute into conformance with current practice. The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security acts as the lead state agency for federal disaster assistance programs, pursuant to CGS Section 28-9d.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1041*****AN ACT REPEALING A STATUTE CONCERNING FEDERAL AID FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill repeals a law that designates the Department of Social Services (DSS) as the state agency for administering or supervising the administration of federal financial aid for emergency relief. By law, the governor, through the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), is authorized to administer any federal emergency aid related to disasters. It appears that OEMHS has had this role since 2005.

The bill also repeals other obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Individuals and Households Program***

By law, the governor can make financial grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affect by disasters if there is no other insurance, or inadequate insurance, to cover any losses. This would apply only when the president, at the governor's request, has declared a disaster in the state (CGS § 28-9d).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/10/2011)