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**Committee Bill No. 5136**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE  
LONG-TERM CARE REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-371 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On July 1, 2011, to the extent permitted by federal law, there  
4 shall be established within the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing  
5 account which shall be known as the "Long-Term Care Reinvestment  
6 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law and  
7 this section to be deposited in the account. Any funds resulting from  
8 the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage received by the  
9 state under the Money Follows the Person demonstration project  
10 pursuant to Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 shall be  
11 deposited in the account.

12 (b) Money held in the account shall be expended by the  
13 Commissioner of Social Services [, in consultation with the Secretary of  
14 the Office of Policy and Management,] in accordance with this  
15 subsection and the plan developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this

16 section, to:

17 (1) Provide funds for programs and services that provide cost-  
18 effective home and community-based alternatives to institutional care  
19 in nursing home facilities, including, but not limited to, occupational  
20 therapy, homemaker services, companion services, meals on wheels,  
21 adult day care, personal care services, transportation, mental health  
22 counseling, care management, elderly foster care, minor home  
23 modifications and assisted living services;

24 (2) Provide funds for rate increases (A) for home health agencies  
25 and other providers of home care services that are in addition to any  
26 rate increases authorized pursuant to sections 17b-242 and 17b-343 to  
27 meet the actual costs of care, and (B) for increased wages for transition  
28 coordinators under the Money Follows the Person demonstration  
29 project;

30 (3) Provide funds to develop, improve and increase the long-term  
31 care services workforce, including, but not limited to, training,  
32 education and other incentives;

33 (4) Provide funds to improve information technology and systems  
34 used to track costs and savings associated with the provision of home  
35 and community-based services and to improve access to information  
36 on long-term care programs and services for the elderly and disabled;

37 (5) Encourage the purchase of precertified long-term care insurance  
38 through the Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care by covering  
39 the costs of the premiums of individuals for six months;

40 (6) Pay the cost of relocating nursing home residents to other  
41 facilities if necessary to protect the health and safety of such residents,  
42 maintaining and operating a facility pending correction of deficiencies  
43 or closure, and reimbursing residents for the loss of funds in personal  
44 fund accounts pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-106;

45 (7) Provide grants to existing nursing home facilities to make facility

46 changes, improvements and modifications to support home and  
47 community-based services and programs; or

48 (8) Provide grants to promote the adoption of building designs and  
49 principles of alternative nursing homes, such as Eden Alternative,  
50 Green House or Small House nursing homes, to improve the quality of  
51 life for long-term care facility residents.

52 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services [, in consultation with the  
53 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,] shall develop and  
54 implement a written plan for purposes of the allocation of funds  
55 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, including, but not limited to,  
56 application procedures and establishment of eligibility criteria and  
57 requirements for recipients of assistance. The commissioner shall  
58 submit a copy of the written plan to the joint standing committee of the  
59 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
60 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

61 (d) On or before January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the  
62 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance  
63 with section 11-4a, to the Governor and to the joint standing  
64 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
65 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state  
66 agencies concerning the Long-Term Care Reinvestment account  
67 established under this section. The report shall include financial  
68 information concerning the money in the account, including, but not  
69 limited to, information on the number, amount and type of  
70 expenditures from the fund during the prior calendar year and  
71 estimates of the impact of the fund on present and future Medicaid  
72 expenditures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-371

**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate the requirement that the Commissioner of Social Services consult with the Secretary of the Office Policy and Management concerning expenditure of funds in the Long-Term Care Reinvestment account.

*[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.]*

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