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**Committee Bill No. 5558**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
RECIPIENTS OF TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS  
UNDER THE JOBS FIRST PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) To the extent permitted under section 17b-688c, the Labor  
5 Department shall be responsible for the administration of employment  
6 services to recipients of temporary family assistance under the  
7 employment services program administered by the Department of  
8 Social Services pursuant to section 17-688c. The employment services  
9 provided by the Labor Department shall include appropriate basic  
10 education and occupational skills training combined with subsidized  
11 or unsubsidized work experience and employment, as deemed  
12 appropriate by the Labor Department, and any other programs or  
13 services deemed appropriate by the Labor Department, to the extent  
14 permitted under state and federal law, including, but not limited to,  
15 the following: (1) Employment; (2) work-study, internship or

16 apprenticeship opportunities; (3) adult skills training, including  
 17 literacy, mathematics and language proficiency with curriculum  
 18 related to job opportunities and job search skills; (4) occupational skills  
 19 training; (5) case management and counseling in successful work skills;  
 20 and (6) access to state-subsidized child care and transportation, where  
 21 needed. The Commissioner of Social Services shall permit recipients of  
 22 temporary family assistance under the employment services program  
 23 who have not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent to attend  
 24 educational courses to satisfy the first twenty hours of work experience  
 25 or employment required under the program. Services may be provided  
 26 by existing service providers, including, but not limited to, local or  
 27 regional boards of education or regional educational service centers  
 28 that offer adult education programs, community-technical colleges and  
 29 vocational-technical schools.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	17b-688i(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow recipients of benefits under the temporary family assistance Jobs First program to use a greater percentage of their time for education.

*[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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