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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Bureau of  
2 Rehabilitation Services and the Aging Services Division within the  
3 Department of Social Services shall establish a state-wide single point  
4 of entry system for individuals seeking long-term care. The goal of the  
5 single point of entry system shall be to (1) permit any individual  
6 seeking long-term care services in the state to obtain information on all  
7 long-term care services from single point of entry entities in the  
8 individual's geographic service area designated pursuant to  
9 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) promote consumer choice of long-  
10 term care options.

11 (b) The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Aging Services  
12 Division, in consultation with the Long-Term Care Advisory Council  
13 and members of the public, shall designate geographical service areas  
14 for the establishment of single point of entry entities.

15 (c) Single point of entry entities designated pursuant to subsection  
16 (b) of this section shall:

17 (1) Work collaboratively with other designated single point of entry  
18 entities in the state to operate the single point of entry system;

19 (2) Provide to all individuals seeking information on long-term care,  
20 including individuals who pay privately for such care, with  
21 information on all long-term care options and services available in the  
22 state, including community and home-based care and nursing home  
23 care;

24 (3) Assess an individual's eligibility for long-term care services and  
25 programs in the state, including Medicaid and other public programs  
26 and services offered by private and nonprofit organizations, through a  
27 comprehensive, uniform screening process;

28 (4) Assist individuals in obtaining a timely determination of  
29 eligibility from the Department of Social Services for publicly funded  
30 long-term care services and programs;

31 (5) Assist individuals in developing a long-term care support plan  
32 that is person-centered throughout the planning process; and

33 (6) Implement quality assurance standards and procedures.

34 (d) In addition to the activities required in subsection (c) of this  
35 section, the directors of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the  
36 Aging Services Division may establish additional requirements,  
37 criteria and standards for the operation of single point of entry entities.  
38 The directors shall implement a quality assurance program to measure  
39 the performance of such designated entities. Any designated entity  
40 that fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section  
41 or any additional requirements, criteria or quality assurance standards  
42 established by the directors pursuant to this subsection may be subject  
43 to termination as a single point of entry entity.

44 Sec. 2. Section 17b-367 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

46 The Office of Policy and Management, [within existing budgetary  
47 resources and] in consultation with the [Select Committee on Aging]  
48 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
49 of matters relating to aging, the Commission on Aging, personnel  
50 designated by the Commissioner of Social Services who administer the  
51 CHOICES health insurance assistance program and who administer  
52 the single point of entry system established in section 1 of this act and  
53 the Long-Term Care Advisory Council, shall develop and maintain a  
54 single consumer-oriented Internet web site that provides  
55 comprehensive information on long-term care options that are  
56 available in Connecticut and information on the single point of entry  
57 system established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The web site shall  
58 also include direct links and referral information regarding long-term  
59 care resources, including private and nonprofit organizations offering  
60 advice, counseling and legal services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	17b-367

**Statement of Purpose:**

To develop a single point of entry system for persons seeking information on long-term care.

*[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.]*