



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1042**

LCO No. 3594

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT UNDER THE JOBS FIRST  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Social Services and the Labor Commissioner shall implement, within  
3 available appropriations, a pilot program that serves not less than one  
4 hundred persons who are receiving benefits under the temporary  
5 family assistance program and participating in the jobs first  
6 employment services program. The pilot program shall provide to  
7 participants: (1) Intensive case management services to identify  
8 participants' (A) employment goals, (B) support service needs, and (C)  
9 training, education and work experience needs; (2) assistance in  
10 accessing needed support services, training, education and work  
11 experience; and (3) funding to facilitate participation in necessary adult  
12 basic education, skills training, post-secondary education or  
13 subsidized employment.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (c) of  
15 section 17b-112 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Social  
16 Services shall grant extensions of time-limited cash assistance benefits

17 to a person who has made a good-faith effort to comply with the  
18 requirements of the pilot program and has not exceeded the sixty-  
19 month limit, described in subsection (c) of section 17b-112 of the  
20 general statutes.

21 (c) Not later than October 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Social  
22 Services and the Labor Commissioner shall jointly submit a report, in  
23 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
24 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
25 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations  
26 and the budgets of state agencies concerning the pilot program. Such  
27 report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (1) The number of  
28 persons participating in the pilot program; (2) the education, training  
29 and work experience activities of the participants; (3) the support  
30 services identified as needed by program participants through the  
31 provision of case management services by the Department of Social  
32 Services and the Labor Department and the support services actually  
33 received by each program participant; (4) the educational degrees and  
34 certificates obtained by participants; and (5) descriptions of the  
35 employment obtained by participants as a result of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program under the Jobs First Employment Services Program.

*[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.]*