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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY CHOICES FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services shall develop and administer a Community Choices
3 program to provide a single, coordinated system of information and
4 access for individuals seeking long-term support, including in-home,
5 community-based and institutional services. The program to be known
6 as the Community Choices program shall be the state Aging and
7 Disability Resource Center Program in accordance with the federal
8 Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, Public Law 109-365.
9 Consumers served shall include, but not be limited to, those sixty years
10 of age or older, those eighteen years of age or older with disabilities,
11 and caregivers.

12 (b) The Community Choices program shall provide (1) information,
13 referral, and assistance concerning aging and disability issues and
14 long-term care planning; (2) comprehensive assessments to identify
15 possible consumer needs or desires; (3) counseling for purposes of
16 obtaining (A) employment or employment related services, (B)

17 screening for public benefits and private resources, and (C)
18 information on long-term care planning; (4) follow-up to ensure
19 consumer referrals were appropriate and to offer additional assistance
20 and individual advocacy if needed; (5) support to consumers making
21 decisions about current and future supports and services; (6)
22 coordination of transitions between providers or sites of care; (7)
23 preparation and distribution of written materials regarding the
24 availability of Community Choices program services; (8) maintenance
25 of a toll-free telephone number; (9) assistance in improving and
26 managing the program, monitoring quality and measuring
27 responsiveness of systems of care; (10) assistance as necessary to
28 conform to federal and other grant requirements; and (11) other related
29 services.

30 (c) The commissioner shall establish program requirements and
31 procedures for entering into agreements to operate the Community
32 Choices program. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
33 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, as necessary to
34 implement the provisions of this section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a single point of entry for information and services concerning aging and disability issues.

[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.]