



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 396**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services shall, within available appropriations and to the extent  
3 permitted by federal and state law, develop and implement a pilot  
4 program providing for community-based delivery of social services in  
5 urban cities of sixty thousand or more residents.

6 (b) The commissioner may provide grants to public or private  
7 entities to assist with the development and implementation of such  
8 program.

9 (c) Not later than August 1, 2012, the commissioner shall publicize  
10 the pilot program and seek letters of interest from eligible  
11 municipalities. The commissioner shall work with any interested  
12 municipality to develop a model whereby certain social services, as  
13 determined by the commissioner, shall be offered by the municipality  
14 or a nonprofit agency located within the municipality. Such model  
15 shall (1) emphasize door-to-door, neighborhood center-based, school-

16 based and agency-based case work, outreach and organization; and (2)  
17 serve as a model for diverting state funding and authority to  
18 municipalities to deliver social services to residents.

19 (d) The commissioner shall apply for any waivers of federal law  
20 necessary to implement the program. The commissioner shall submit  
21 such waiver application for legislative review, in accordance with  
22 section 17b-8 of the general statutes, before filing it with the federal  
23 government.

24 (e) The pilot program shall commence July 1, 2012, and conclude  
25 July 1, 2014. Not more than ninety days after completion of the first  
26 year of the program, the commissioner shall submit a report, in  
27 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
28 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
29 cognizance of matters relating to children, human services, health and  
30 appropriations regarding the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the  
31 community-based model and recommendations on whether the  
32 legislature should permanently implement such model.

33 (f) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
34 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement and  
35 manage the model program and assure the health and well-being of  
36 consumers who receive social services through such program. Any  
37 regulations shall address accountability and liability issues regarding  
38 municipal oversight of social service programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To change the social services delivery system from a state-based to a municipal-based model.

*[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.]*