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Committee Bill No. 27

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT PROMOTING THE PURSUIT OF EDUCATION BY
RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of Social
2 Services shall, within available appropriations and to the extent
3 permitted by federal law, modify its federal temporary assistance for
4 needy families program to expand the number of hours recipients can
5 spend on educational pursuits as part of their required work activities.

6 (b) Such approved work activities shall include, but not be limited
7 to: (1) Courses of study to attain a high school graduate equivalency
8 degree, (2) courses of study to attain a two-year or four-year college
9 degree related to pursuit of post-graduation employment, and (3)
10 vocational training.

11 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement policies
12 and procedures necessary to notify recipients of the revised work
13 activities while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures
14 in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent
15 to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty

16 days of implementing such policies and procedures. Final regulations
17 shall be submitted to the legislative regulation review committee not
18 later than January 1, 2014. Policies and procedures implemented
19 pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until the time final
20 regulations are effective.

21 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services may adopt regulations, in
22 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
23 revise said work activities to the extent permitted by federal law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the number of hours recipients of temporary assistance for needy families funds may spend on educational pursuits as part of approved work activities.

[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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