



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5052

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 15 of public act 13-184 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17a-17 of the general
4 statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, [and] to June 30,
5 [2015] 2018, inclusive, the provisions of [said] section 17a-17 shall not
6 be considered in any increases or decreases to rates or allowable per
7 diem payments to private residential treatment centers licensed
8 pursuant to section 17a-145 of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The sum of one million seven hundred
10 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services
11 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to (1)
12 increase rates for private psychiatric residential treatment facilities
13 funded through the Medicaid program for persons under the age of
14 twenty-two years, and (2) expand such facilities by six beds.

15 Sec. 3. Section 19a-402 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

17 The Commission on Medicolegal Investigations established under

18 section 19a-401 and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
19 established under section 19a-403 shall be within [The University of
20 Connecticut Health Center] the Department of Administrative Services
21 for administrative purposes only.

22 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 17b-802 of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
24 *1, 2014*):

25 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish, within available
26 appropriations, and administer a security deposit guarantee program
27 for persons who (1) (A) are recipients of temporary family assistance,
28 aid under the state supplement program, or state-administered general
29 assistance, or (B) have a documented showing of financial need, and
30 (2) (A) are residing in emergency shelters or other emergency housing,
31 cannot remain in permanent housing due to any reason specified in
32 subsection (a) of section 17b-808, or are served a writ, summons and
33 complaint in a summary process action instituted pursuant to chapter
34 832, or (B) have a certificate or voucher from a rental assistance
35 program or federal Section 8 [certificate or voucher] program. Under
36 [such] the security deposit guarantee program, the Commissioner of
37 Housing may provide security deposit guarantees for use by such
38 persons in lieu of a security deposit on a rental dwelling unit. Eligible
39 persons may receive a security deposit guarantee in an amount not to
40 exceed the equivalent of two months' rent on such rental unit. No
41 person may apply for and receive a security deposit guarantee more
42 than once in any eighteen-month period without the express
43 authorization of the Commissioner of Housing, except as provided in
44 subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Housing may deny
45 eligibility for the security deposit guarantee program to an applicant
46 for whom the commissioner has paid two claims by landlords. The
47 Commissioner of Housing shall prioritize provision of security deposit
48 guarantees to eligible veterans and may establish priorities for
49 providing security deposit guarantees to other eligible persons
50 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of this

51 subsection in order to administer the program within available
52 appropriations.

53 Sec. 5. Section 17b-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

55 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available
56 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
57 allow not more than [fifty] one hundred persons with disabilities (1)
58 who are age eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are
59 inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate
60 institutionalization, and (3) whose assets do not exceed the asset limits
61 of the state-funded home care program for the elderly, established
62 pursuant to subsection (i) of section 17b-342, to be eligible to receive
63 the same services that are provided under the state-funded home care
64 program for the elderly. At the discretion of the Commissioner of
65 Social Services, such persons may also be eligible to receive services
66 that are necessary to meet needs attributable to disabilities in order to
67 allow such persons to avoid institutionalization.

68 (b) Any person participating in the pilot program whose income
69 exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall
70 contribute to the cost of care in accordance with the methodology
71 established for recipients of medical assistance pursuant to sections
72 5035.20 and 5035.25 of the department's uniform policy manual.

73 (c) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under
74 the pilot program shall not exceed fifty per cent of the weighted
75 average cost of care in nursing homes in the state.

76 (d) If the number of persons eligible for the pilot program
77 established pursuant to this section exceeds [fifty] one hundred
78 persons or if the cost of the program exceeds available appropriations,
79 the commissioner shall establish a waiting list designed to serve
80 applicants by order of application date.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 13-184, Sec. 15
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-402
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-802(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-617

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