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Proposed Bill No. 5811

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

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

1 That section 17b-112 of the general statutes be amended to improve
2 successful academic and economic outcomes for children and adults
3 by (1) exempting from time-limited benefits parents acquiring
4 advanced and technical skills to increase employability and sustainable
5 employment; (2) exempting from time-limited benefits parents
6 enrolled in college and employment and training programs; (3)
7 allowing an exemption for quality child care access for needy families
8 with income above the payment standard; (4) prioritization and
9 expansion of family-eligible work participation activities to include
10 adult education, workforce training and activities that enhance career
11 pathways; (5) prioritization of skills building and on-the-job training;
12 (6) access to quality infant and toddler care and prekindergarten
13 programs; and (7) access to a social work model that helps achieve
14 success in the workforce. Funds authorized for the temporary
15 assistance for needy families program, established pursuant to the
16 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
17 1996, shall not be included in the General Fund, but shall be included

18 in the budget of, and administered solely by, the Department of Social
19 Services, as authorized by this section, and federal law.

Statement of Purpose:

To make changes in the temporary family assistance program to promote the long-term success of families.