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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENCE MOBILITY COUNSELING FOR
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of
2 Housing shall, within existing resources of the department, establish a
3 residence mobility counseling program to assist individuals and
4 families in relocating their residences from high poverty to low
5 poverty areas through education and support services. The
6 commissioner may contract with one or more nonprofit corporations to
7 provide such residence mobility counseling. Individuals and families
8 eligible for the residence mobility counseling program shall currently
9 be receiving a certificate or voucher from either: (1) The federal
10 Housing and Urban Development Section 8 program, or (2) the state
11 rental assistance program.

12 (b) Counseling provided pursuant to this section shall include, but
13 need not be limited to (1) providing information regarding
14 communities, schools, employment opportunities and community
15 services available in various areas, (2) assisting with locating rental
16 housing that meets the individual's and family's needs, (3) facilitating a

17 relocation by negotiating with the current landlord about the transfer
18 of rental assistance certificates, and with the new landlord about
19 security deposits, rental payments and acceptance of rental assistance
20 certificates, and (4) acting as an ongoing liaison between the individual
21 and family, the landlord and the rental assistance provider to ensure a
22 successful transition and continuing housing stability.

23 (c) Annually, on or before January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of
24 Housing shall submit a report on the program to the General
25 Assembly, in accordance with section 8-37qqq of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To assist the movement of families from high poverty to low poverty areas, to promote desegregation and to expand housing opportunities for low-income households.

[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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