



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 864

Senate, March 3, 2015

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE USE OF MEDICAID TO COVER THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Department of Social Services,
2 in collaboration with the Board of Regents for Higher Education and
3 The University of Connecticut, shall study the effectiveness of (1)
4 requiring state Medicaid to pay the cost of premiums for health
5 insurance sponsored by a constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1
6 of the general statutes, and provide supplemental health insurance
7 coverage for students enrolled in a constituent unit who are (A) not
8 covered by any other health insurance plan, and (B) eligible for state
9 Medicaid benefits, and (2) prohibiting a student enrolled in a
10 constituent unit from opting out of health insurance sponsored by such
11 constituent unit for purposes of qualifying for state Medicaid benefits.
12 Not later than January 1, 2016, the department shall report on such
13 study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general

14 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
15 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and human
16 services. Such report shall include recommendations about whether
17 either option would be effective and, if so, which option would be
18 most effective.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), in collaboration with the University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to study aspects of health insurance and Medicaid coverage for students enrolled in state higher education. DSS must report its recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact for the agencies involved.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

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