



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5380

February Session, 2016



AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF COST SAVINGS FROM THE UTILIZATION OF MOBILITY SYSTEMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, shall study
3 the utilization of technology to reduce costs to provide state-funded
4 assistance to immobile or semi-ambulatory persons. Such technology
5 shall include mobility systems that transfer immobile or semi-
6 ambulatory persons from bed to wheelchair or commode. Not later
7 than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit
8 a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
9 general statutes, on the results of the study to the joint standing
10 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to aging, human services and appropriations and the budgets
12 of state agencies. The report shall include any estimated savings from
13 the utilization of technology, including, but not limited to, reductions
14 in (1) injuries to persons who receive state-funded assistance and staff
15 who assist them, and (2) hospital or nursing home admissions and
16 readmissions related to such injuries.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the third sentence of Section 1, "file a report" was changed to "submit a report" for internal consistency.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*