

Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-437

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE.

Vote Date: 3/22/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Human Services Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would facilitate the flow of information between partner agencies in the two-generational academic achievement and workplace development initiatives.
The substitute language for this bill adds the Office of Policy and Management and Connecticut Preschool Through Twenty and Workforce Information Network to team developing data sharing plan.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner, Department of Social Services; in support of this legislation as it encourages sharing information between DSS and the Office of Early Childhood. The Department recognizes the importance of supporting two-generational efforts that assist families with reaching their full potential and has worked to integrate the two-gen model into program delivery as an effective way to increase overall security and quality of life for families, children, and communities.

Jeff Currey, 11th Dist., State Representative, Connecticut General Assembly; in support of this bill as it seeks to further improve the two-generational initiative through a proposed increase in data sharing between state agencies. By encouraging communication and collaboration, both the state agencies and the public would benefit.

David Wilkinson, Commissioner, Office of Early Childhood; offers support for this legislation as it will enable the office of Early Childhood to better fulfill the mission they have been given-to bring together early childhood programs to better serve the families of Connecticut. They

asked to include the Office of Policy and Management (which was included in substitute language) as they house the Connecticut Open Data website.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Liz Fraser, Policy Manager, Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS); supports this legislation and while the cost-saving measures are not documented yet, it is the position of CAHS that whole-family approaches, which simultaneously approach and track outcomes for both adults and children, have the greatest potential to effectively leverage local, state, federal, and philanthropic funds to alleviate multigenerational poverty and strengthen Connecticut's future workforce.

Steven Hernandez, Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, and Seniors; in support of this legislation and states that the revisions to this statute would allow them to further improve their two-generational initiative through the proposed streamlining of data sharing between state agencies.

Karen Siegel, Health Policy Fellow, Connecticut Voices for Children; in support of this bill and emphasizes that increased coordination of efforts and data sharing between agencies will strengthen the efforts to grow our economy, ensure long-term health and opportunity by improving parents' career opportunities, and preparing young children for school.

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; in support of this legislation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No opposition was submitted.

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