



# Senate

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Senate Bill No. 245

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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MOORE, M. of the 22nd Dist. and SEN. MARKLEY, J. of the 16th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH OTHER STATES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-3 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer all law  
5 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Social Services. The  
6 commissioner shall have the power and duty to do the following: (1)  
7 Administer, coordinate and direct the operation of the department; (2)  
8 adopt and enforce such regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as  
9 are necessary to implement the purposes of the department as  
10 established by statute; (3) establish rules for the internal operation and  
11 administration of the department; (4) establish and develop programs  
12 and administer services to achieve the purposes of the department as  
13 established by statute; (5) [contract] enter into a contract, including,

14 but not limited to, a contract with another state, for facilities, services  
15 and programs to implement the purposes of the department as  
16 established by statute; (6) process applications and requests for  
17 services promptly; (7) with the approval of the Comptroller and in  
18 accordance with such procedures as may be specified by the  
19 Comptroller, make payments to providers of services for individuals  
20 who are eligible for benefits from the department as appropriate; (8)  
21 make no duplicate awards for items of assistance once granted, except  
22 for replacement of lost or stolen checks on which payment has been  
23 stopped; (9) promote economic self-sufficiency where appropriate in  
24 the department's programs, policies, practices and staff interactions  
25 with recipients; (10) act as advocate for the need of more  
26 comprehensive and coordinated programs for persons served by the  
27 department; (11) plan services and programs for persons served by the  
28 department; (12) coordinate outreach activities by public and private  
29 agencies assisting persons served by the department; (13) consult and  
30 cooperate with area and private planning agencies; (14) advise and  
31 inform municipal officials and officials of social service agencies about  
32 social service programs and collect and disseminate information  
33 pertaining thereto, including information about federal, state,  
34 municipal and private assistance programs and services; (15)  
35 encourage and facilitate effective communication and coordination  
36 among federal, state, municipal and private agencies; (16) inquire into  
37 the utilization of state and federal government resources which offer  
38 solutions to problems of the delivery of social services; (17) conduct,  
39 encourage and maintain research and studies relating to social services  
40 development; (18) prepare, review and encourage model  
41 comprehensive social service programs; (19) maintain an inventory of  
42 data and information and act as a clearing house and referral agency  
43 for information on state and federal programs and services; and (20)  
44 conduct, encourage and maintain research and studies and advise  
45 municipal officials and officials of social service agencies about forms  
46 of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination between public  
47 and private agencies designed to advance social service programs. The  
48 commissioner may require notice of the submission of all applications

49 by municipalities, any agency thereof, and social service agencies, for  
50 federal and state financial assistance to carry out social services. The  
51 commissioner shall establish state-wide and regional advisory  
52 councils.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-3(a)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which allows the Department of Social Services to contract with other states for certain services, codifies current practice and does not result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 245*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH OTHER STATES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows the social services commissioner to contract with other states for facilities, services, and programs to implement its statutory purposes (e.g., administer social services programs). Current law allows him to contract for such purposes, but does not explicitly allow contracting with other states.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 1    (03/20/2018)