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**Public Act No. 19-116**

**AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRIES OF PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS OR OTHER ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "publicly available background databases" means (A) the National Sex Offender Public Website maintained by the United States Department of Justice, (B) the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry maintained pursuant to section 54-258 of the general statutes, (C) the list of individuals and entities excluded from federally funded health care programs for reasons that include, but are not limited to, Medicaid or Medicare fraud, maintained by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, (D) the Connecticut nurse's aide registry maintained by the Department of Public Health pursuant to sections 20-102bb and 20-102cc of the general statutes, (E) the criminal and motor vehicle conviction database maintained by the Judicial Branch, (F) the professional licensure verification database maintained by the Department of Public Health, and (G) the database of practitioners and entities suspended or excluded from participation in programs administered by the Department of Social Services maintained by the

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quality assurance division of the department; (2) "elderly person" means a person sixty years of age or older; and (3) "persons with disabilities" has the same meaning as provided in section 17b-608 of the general statutes and includes a person with an intellectual disability, as defined in section 1-1g of the general statutes.

(b) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall (1) provide a portal on the commission's Internet web site with links to publicly available background databases; and (2) convene a working group to develop strategies to raise public awareness of the availability of such databases to persons hiring providers to care for elderly persons, children or persons with disabilities. The executive director shall keep records of the number of times such portal is utilized and file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than January 1, 2021, on utilization of the program with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, children, human services and public health.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-491c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means a conviction of (A) any crime described in 42 USC 1320a-7(a)(1), (2), (3) or (4), [or] (B) a substantiated finding of neglect, abuse or misappropriation of property by a state or federal agency pursuant to an investigation conducted in accordance with 42 USC 1395i-3(g)(1)(C) or 42 USC 1396r(g)(1)(C), or (C) a conviction of any crime described in section 53a-59a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-61a, 53a-321, 53a-322 or 53a-323.

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