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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND  
DISABILITY SERVICES.

## AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***Potential Cost***

**Section 501** of the amendment could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with allowing DSS to increase the rate paid for Meals on Wheels under the Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders (CHCPE). To the extent that DSS chooses to increase rates in accordance with the provisions of the amendment, it will result in a state cost of at least \$100,000 in FY 20 and \$102,000 in FY 21.<sup>1</sup> The amendment allows DSS to further increase fees for providers with extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals in sparsely populated rural regions.

It is anticipated that **section 502** of the amendment, which makes changes to certain information the Department of Rehabilitation Services must review, does not result in a fiscal impact.

**Section 503** requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), as part of its quality of care program for licensed health care facilities, to develop recommendations on collecting and analyzing patient malnutrition data to improve quality of care. It is anticipated that DPH will be able to convene the Quality in Healthcare Committee to review

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<sup>1</sup> While the amendment does not specify the Consumer Price Index (CPI) that must be applied to the reimbursement rate for Meals-on-Wheels, this estimate assumes the calendar year increase in the CPI for urban consumers (CPI-U).

available patient malnutrition information to develop such recommendations without incurring a cost to the State or municipalities.

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