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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE
PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 15, 2021, the
2 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Public Health and with input from housing, civil rights and education
4 advocates, shall establish the Healthy Housing Assistance pilot
5 program. Such pilot program shall provide fifty additional rental
6 assistance program certificates under section 8-345 of the general
7 statutes over a period of two years for use in high and very high
8 opportunity areas, as designated pursuant to section 8-348 of the general
9 statutes, to income-eligible families who have at least one child with
10 persistent asthma, as determined by the Connecticut Children's Medical
11 Center in the city of Hartford.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall develop procedures for
13 landlord recruitment, family recruitment, and housing search assistance
14 and counseling for such pilot program. The commissioner shall make
15 twenty-five rental assistance certificates available from June 1, 2021, to

16 July 31, 2022, and twenty-five additional rental assistance certificates
17 from June 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. All participants in this program shall
18 have access to the residence mobility counseling program established
19 under section 8-348 of the general statutes.

20 (c) The Commissioner of Housing shall submit an interim report and
21 a final report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
22 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing and public
24 health. The commissioner shall submit the interim report on or before
25 August 31, 2021, and a final report on or before August 31, 2022. Each
26 report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A summary of
27 program implementation, including efforts to inform and educate
28 families about the program, recruit landlords, provide search assistance
29 and counseling, and (2) an assessment of program utilization rates,
30 waiting list numbers, and the racial, ethnic, household composition and
31 income demographics of the program participants and those on the
32 waiting list. The final report shall include an assessment of program
33 performance during the pilot period based on data, including, but not
34 limited to, data concerning both the implementation of the program by
35 the Department of Housing and the use of the program, and any
36 recommendations the commissioner may have regarding future
37 implementation or an extension of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to provide rental assistance certificates to assist families who have children with persistent asthma to move to healthier environments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]