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Substitute Senate Bill No. 765

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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MOORE of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-617 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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, within available
5 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
6 allow not more than one hundred persons with disabilities (1) who are
7 age eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are inappropriately
8 institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate institutionalization, [and] (3)
9 whose assets do not exceed the asset limits of the state-funded home
10 care program for the elderly, established pursuant to subsection (i) of
11 section 17b-342, and (4) who are not eligible for medical assistance
12 under section 17b-261 or a Medicaid waiver pursuant to 42 USC 1396n,
13 to be eligible to receive the same services that are provided under the
14 state-funded home care program for the elderly. At the discretion of the

15 Commissioner of Social Services, such persons may also be eligible to
 16 receive services that are necessary to meet needs attributable to
 17 disabilities in order to allow such persons to avoid institutionalization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-617(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sec. 1(a), 42 USC 1396(c) was changed to 42 USC 1396n for accuracy.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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

The bill specifies that individuals eligible for Medicaid or a Medicaid waiver are not eligible for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Persons with Disabilities, which has no fiscal impact as it conforms to current practice.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill limits participation in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Persons with Disabilities to those who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicaid waivers. Under existing law, the state-funded pilot serves up to 100 people with disabilities who (1) are age 18 to 64, (2) are inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of becoming so, and (3) meet certain asset limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/23/2021)