



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 6436



AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN CHOICE VOUCHERS PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than June 15, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of
3 Education and housing, civil rights and education advocates, shall
4 establish the Open Choice Voucher pilot program. Such pilot program
5 shall designate twenty additional rental assistance program certificates
6 under section 8-345 of the general statutes over a period of two years for
7 use by families who (1) qualify as low income under the rental assistance
8 program, (2) have participated for at least one year in the interdistrict
9 public school attendance program, established under section 10-266aa
10 of the general statutes, in the Hartford region, and (3) would like to
11 move to the town where their child participating in the interdistrict
12 public school attendance program attends school.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall develop procedures for
14 landlord recruitment, family recruitment, housing search assistance and
15 counseling for such pilot program. The commissioner shall make ten
16 rental assistance certificates available during the school year
17 commencing in 2022 and ten additional rental assistance certificates
18 during the school year commencing in 2023 for such pilot program. All
19 participants in the pilot program shall have access to the residence

