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Senate Bill No. 193

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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 bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ELIGIBILITY WORKERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The following officers may administer oaths: (1) The clerks of the
4 Senate, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons
5 of committees of the General Assembly or of either branch thereof,
6 during its session; (2) state officers, as defined in subsection (t) of section
7 9-1, judges and clerks of any court, family support magistrates, judge
8 trial referees, justices of the peace, commissioners of the Superior Court,
9 notaries public, town clerks and assistant town clerks, in all cases where
10 an oath may be administered, except in a case where the law otherwise
11 requires; (3) commissioners on insolvent estates, auditors, arbitrators
12 and committees, to parties and witnesses, in all cases tried before them;
13 (4) assessors and boards of assessment appeals, in cases coming before
14 them; (5) commissioners appointed by governors of other states to take

15 the acknowledgment of deeds, in the discharge of their official duty; (6)
16 the moderator of a school district meeting, in such meeting, to the clerk
17 of such district, as required by law; (7) the chief elected official of a
18 municipality, in any matter before the chief elected official of a
19 municipality; (8) the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical
20 Examiner and assistant medical examiners of the Office of the Medical
21 Examiner, in any matter before them; (9) registrars of vital statistics, in
22 any matter before them; (10) any chief inspector or inspector appointed
23 pursuant to section 51-286; (11) registrars of voters, deputy registrars,
24 assistant registrars, and moderators, in any matter before them; (12)
25 special assistant registrars, in matters provided for in subsections (b)
26 and (c) of section 9-19b and section 9-19c; (13) the Commissioner of
27 Emergency Services and Public Protection and any sworn member of
28 any local police department or the Division of State Police within the
29 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in all
30 affidavits, statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by
31 any member of any local police department or said Division of State
32 Police or any constable who is under the supervision of said
33 commissioner or any of such officers of said Division of State Police and
34 who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e,
35 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties; (14) judge
36 advocates of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine
37 Corps, law specialists of the United States Coast Guard, adjutants,
38 assistant adjutants, acting adjutants and personnel adjutants,
39 commanding officers, executive officers and officers whose rank is
40 lieutenant commander or major, or above, of the armed forces, as
41 defined in section 27-103, to persons serving with or in the armed forces,
42 as defined in said section, or their spouses; (15) investigators, deputy
43 investigators, investigative aides, secretaries, clerical assistants, social
44 workers, social worker trainees, paralegals and certified legal interns
45 employed by or assigned to the Public Defender Services Commission
46 in the performance of their assigned duties; (16) bail commissioners,
47 intake, assessment and referral specialists, family relations counselors,
48 support enforcement officers, chief probation officers and supervisory
49 judicial marshals employed by the Judicial Department in the

50 performance of their assigned duties; (17) juvenile matter investigators
 51 employed by the Division of Criminal Justice in the performance of their
 52 assigned duties; (18) the chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council
 53 or the chairperson's designee; (19) the presiding officer at an agency
 54 hearing under section 4-177b; (20) investigators employed by the
 55 Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Services, in the
 56 performance of their assigned duties; (21) the chairperson, vice-
 57 chairperson, members and employees of the Board of Pardons and
 58 Paroles, in the performance of their assigned duties; (22) the
 59 Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee; (23) sworn
 60 law enforcement officers, appointed under section 26-5, within the
 61 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in all affidavits,
 62 statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by any such
 63 sworn law enforcement officer; [and] (24) sworn motor vehicle
 64 inspectors acting under the authority of section 14-8; and (25) eligibility
 65 workers, specialists and supervisors employed by the Department of
 66 Social Services when their assigned duties require witnessing the
 67 execution of an affirmation or acknowledgment of parentage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-24

HS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows authorized Department of Social Services personnel to administer oaths for affirmation of parentage required for certain assistance programs which results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 193*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ELIGIBILITY WORKERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Social Services' (DSS) eligibility workers, specialists, and supervisors to administer oaths when their assigned duties require witnessing the execution of an affirmation or acknowledgment of parentage. In practice, establishing children's parentage is part of the cash assistance application process under DSS's Temporary Family Assistance program.

Existing law authorizes various individuals to administer oaths, including House and Senate clerks, municipal chief elected officials, and investigators employed by DSS's Office of Child Support Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/17/2022)