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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING GRANT PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
3 Developmental Services shall develop and administer a competitive
4 grant program to provide funding for eligible (1) developers seeking to
5 construct new residential housing for individuals with intellectual and
6 developmental disabilities that will provide such individuals access to
7 transportation and supportive services and facilitate such individuals'
8 integration into the community, and (2) individuals with intellectual
9 and developmental disabilities and such individuals' relative caregivers
10 to (A) purchase residential homes and to (i) undertake renovations to
11 improve such homes' accessibility, or (ii) convert such homes to
12 congregate or supportive housing, and (B) construct new, accessible
13 residential homes.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Developmental

15 Services shall develop eligibility criteria and an application process for
16 the grant program, and post a description of the grant program,
17 eligibility requirements and the application in a conspicuous location on
18 the department's Internet web site.

19 (c) Each grant recipient shall, at such time and in such manner as the
20 Commissioner of Developmental Services prescribes, file an
21 expenditure report with the Department of Developmental Services. A
22 grant recipient shall not expend grant funds for purposes other than
23 those approved by the Department of Developmental Services pursuant
24 to this section.

25 (d) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
26 Commissioner of Developmental Services shall submit a report, in
27 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
28 concerning the operation and effectiveness of the grant program, to the
29 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
30 of matters relating to human services and housing.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June
32 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of Housing
33 shall develop and administer a competitive grant program to provide
34 funding for eligible developers seeking to construct new affordable
35 housing, as defined in section 8-39a of the general statutes, intended and
36 designed to (1) house a significant number of individuals with
37 intellectual and developmental disabilities, and (2) contain, in a
38 significant number of living units, features that render such units
39 accessible to such individuals, including, but not limited to, accessible
40 bathrooms, light switches, doorknobs, counters and means of egress and
41 doorframes and hallways that are not less than thirty-two inches wide.
42 The Department of Housing shall determine what constitutes a
43 significant number of individuals with intellectual and developmental
44 disabilities and a significant number of living units for the purposes of
45 this section.

46 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Housing shall

47 develop eligibility criteria and an application process for the grant
48 program and post a description of the grant program, eligibility
49 requirements and the application in a conspicuous location on the
50 department's Internet web site.

51 (c) Each grant recipient shall, at such time and in such manner as the
52 Commissioner of Housing prescribes, file an expenditure report with
53 the Department of Housing. A grant recipient shall not expend grant
54 funds for purposes other than those approved by the Department of
55 Housing pursuant to this section.

56 (d) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
57 Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report, in accordance with the
58 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the
59 operation and effectiveness of the grant program, to the joint standing
60 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
61 relating to human services and housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Departments of Developmental Services and Housing to develop and administer competitive grant programs to facilitate the construction and renovation of housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[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.]