



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 413

LCO No. 1887



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
SEN. KELLY, 21st Dist.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FROM DISCOURAGING LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF APPLICANTS AND BENEFICIARIES AND FROM ENGAGING IN UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF THE LAW.

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

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to prohibit the
- 2 Department of Social Services from (1) discouraging public assistance
- 3 applicants and beneficiaries from obtaining legal representation, and (2)
- 4 allowing department staff to engage in unauthorized practice of the law.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure adequate legal representation for applicants and beneficiaries of assistance programs administered by the Department of Social Services.