



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1173

LCO No. 5173



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall conduct a study of programs administered by the
3 Department of Social Services to determine whether there are any gaps
4 in services.

5 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
6 shall include, but need not be limited to, a report on: (1) How responsive
7 such department programs are to recipients of services; (2) what
8 problems, if any, exist within such programs; and (3) whether staff is
9 allocated in a manner to meet the need for services within such
10 programs.

11 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Social Services
12 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
13 general statutes, on the results of the study to the joint standing
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to human services. The report may include the commissioner's

16 recommendations for addressing identified gaps in the provision of
17 services and improving access to such services.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the responsiveness of programs administered by the Department of Social Services to persons served by such programs.

[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.]