



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
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AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
2 Department of Children and Families shall submit a report, in
3 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
4 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
5 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall (1) describe
6 each program administered by the department that serves children or
7 families pursuant to a sliding fee scale or at no cost to such children and
8 families, where eligibility for participation in such program or the
9 sliding fee for participation in such program is based on a comparison
10 between annual family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the
11 total cost associated with the administration of each such program, (3)
12 list the anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each
13 such program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include
14 children and families with an annual family income above the federal
15 poverty level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for

16 the state, as determined by the United Way of Connecticut, and (4)
17 discuss the feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial
18 Survival in making eligibility determinations for each such program.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
20 Department of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with
21 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
23 matters relating to children. Such report shall (1) describe each program
24 administered by the department that serves children or families
25 pursuant to a sliding fee scale or at no cost to such children and families,
26 where eligibility for participation in such program or the sliding fee for
27 participation in such program is based on a comparison between annual
28 family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the total cost
29 associated with the administration of each such program, (3) list the
30 anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each such
31 program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include children
32 and families with an annual family income above the federal poverty
33 level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for the state,
34 as determined by the United Way of Connecticut, and (4) discuss the
35 feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival in
36 making eligibility determinations for each such program.

37 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
38 Department of Developmental Services shall submit a report, in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
40 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
41 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall (1) describe
42 each program administered by the department that serves children or
43 families pursuant to a sliding fee scale or at no cost to such children and
44 families, where eligibility for participation in such program or the
45 sliding fee for participation in such program is based on a comparison
46 between annual family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the
47 total cost associated with the administration of each such program, (3)
48 list the anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each
49 such program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include

50 children and families with an annual family income above the federal
51 poverty level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for
52 the state, as determined by the United Way of Connecticut, and (4)
53 discuss the feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial
54 Survival in making eligibility determinations for each such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Children and Families, Department of Social Services and Department of Developmental Services to submit reports describing current costs associated with programs serving children and families and anticipated costs associated with utilizing different eligibility criteria for participation in 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.]