
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1300

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATING SPOUSES FOR STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes compensation for people, including spouses, who provide personal care assistance to someone enrolled in the state-funded portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (see BACKGROUND). The bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to set training and documentation requirements for these people to receive compensation under the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders

The Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) provides many services for eligible people age 65 or older and at risk of institutionalization. Services include care management, adult day care, homemaker services, transportation, meals-on-wheels, minor home modifications, and certain personal care assistant and assisted living services. Because CHCPE is funded with federal and state dollars, it has two parts, each with different eligibility requirements. For the state-funded part, no income limit is imposed, but the applicant must meet a state-prescribed asset limit and pay a certain percentage of the cost of their care.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 2 (03/04/2025)