

House of Representatives, April 14, 1998. The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON, 94th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-694 of the general
2 statutes, as amended by section 79 of public act
3 97-2 of the June 18 special session, is repealed
4 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
5 (a) The Labor Commissioner, in consultation
6 with the Commissioners of Social Services and
7 Mental Health, shall administer a grant program,
8 within available appropriations, to fund
9 employment placement projects for recipients of
10 general assistance, state-administered general
11 assistance, cash assistance or medical assistance
12 AND TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF
13 CASH OR RENTAL SUBSIDY CERTIFICATES TO FORMER
14 RECIPIENTS OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WHO ARE UNABLE TO
15 SECURE EMPLOYMENT. A grant may be awarded to (1) a
16 municipality or group of towns which form a region
17 based on a project plan providing education,
18 training or other assistance in securing
19 employment, (2) a private substance abuse or
20 mental health services provider based on a project
21 plan incorporating job placement in the treatment
22 process or (3) a nonprofit organization providing

23 employment services when no municipality or group
24 of towns elect to apply for such a grant for a
25 given geographic area. A plan may include cash
26 incentives as a supplement to wages for recipients
27 who work.

28 (b) In order to receive funding, a project
29 plan shall be submitted to the commissioner no
30 later than August first, annually. Funds shall be
31 disbursed by the commissioner no later than
32 September first, annually. Projects shall be
33 funded based on the number of recipients to be
34 served and the level of services to be provided.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,
36 1998.

37 CE COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 27 NAY 0 JF C/R APP
38 APP COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 43 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5116

STATE IMPACT	None, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Labor, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

The bill requires the Department of Labor in consultation with the Commissioners of Social Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services to administer a grant program which would include the provision of emergency assistance in the form of cash or rental subsidy certificates to former recipients of such assistance who are unable to secure employment. This shall be done within available appropriations.

An amount of \$3,665,978 was appropriated for the Community Employment Incentive (CEIP) program for FY 1997-98. It is estimated that all of the appropriated funds will be spent for the CEIP program in FY 1997-98. An amount of \$3,684,828 is appropriated in FY 1998-99. It is expected that all of these funds will be spent also.

This would not leave any available appropriations for the grant program established by the passage of this bill.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5116

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

SUMMARY: This bill allows the labor commissioner to use Community Employment Incentive Program funds to provide emergency cash assistance or rent subsidy certificates to former recipients of general assistance (GA), state-administered GA, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), State Supplement, and Medicaid who cannot find work. Under current law, the program provides grants, within available appropriations, for employment placement projects serving people who receive these forms of assistance. These projects are operated by towns, substance abuse and mental health service providers, or nonprofit agencies based on plans they submit to the commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

BACKGROUND**Department of Social Service (DSS) Safety Net Services**

By law, the Department of Social Services must provide safety net services to families that have lost or are at risk of losing TFA. These services may include (1) eviction prevention; (2) food, shelter, clothing, and employment assistance; and (3) for those at risk of losing benefits, individual performance contracts requiring job training and searching or volunteer work.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 27 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 43 Nay 0