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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 955

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO OBSOLETE PROVISIONS
OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 17b-617 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available
7 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
8 allow not more than one hundred persons with disabilities (1) who are
9 age eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are inappropriately
10 institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate institutionalization, [and] (3)
11 whose assets do not exceed the asset limits of the state-funded home
12 care program for the elderly, established pursuant to subsection (i) of

13 section 17b-342, and (4) who are not eligible for medical assistance
14 under section 17b-261 or a Medicaid waiver pursuant to 42 USC 1396n,
15 to be eligible to receive the same services that are provided under the
16 state-funded home care program for the elderly. At the discretion of the
17 Commissioner of Social Services, such persons may also be eligible to
18 receive services that are necessary to meet needs attributable to
19 disabilities in order to allow such persons to avoid institutionalization.

20 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 17b-59g of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
22 *passage*):

23 (c) Any entity established or incorporated pursuant to subsection (b)
24 of this section shall have its powers vested in and exercised by a board
25 of directors. The board of directors shall be comprised of the following
26 members who shall each serve for a term of two years:

27 (1) One member who shall have expertise as an advocate for
28 consumers of health care, appointed by the Governor;

29 (2) One member who shall have expertise as a clinical medical doctor,
30 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

31 (3) One member who shall have expertise in the area of hospital
32 administration, appointed by the speaker of the House of
33 Representatives;

34 (4) One member who shall have expertise in the area of corporate law
35 or finance, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

36 (5) One member who shall have expertise in group health insurance
37 coverage, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
38 Representatives;

39 (6) The Chief Information Officer and the Secretary of the Office of
40 Policy and Management, or their designees, who shall serve as ex-
41 officio, voting members of the board; [and]

42 (7) The health information technology officer, designated in
43 accordance with section 19a-754a, who shall serve as chairperson of the
44 board; [.] and

45 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
46 designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio, voting member of the board.

47 Sec. 503. Subsection (l) of section 17b-179 of the general statutes is
48 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
49 *2021*):

50 (l) The Office of Child Support Services shall arrange to provide a
51 single centralized automated system for the reporting of collections on
52 all accounts established for the collection of all IV-D support orders.
53 Such reporting shall be made available to the Family Support Magistrate
54 Division and to all state agencies which have a cooperative agreement
55 with the IV-D agency. Such automated system shall include a state case
56 registry which complies with federal law and regulations. The state case
57 registry shall contain information on each support order established or
58 modified in this state. [The Office of Child Support Services, utilizing
59 information contained in the state case registry, shall establish, maintain
60 and periodically update a list of all delinquent child support obligors.
61 The list shall, at a minimum, contain the name, residential address and
62 amount of the delinquent child support owed by a child support
63 obligor, exclusive of any amount of child support owed for which an
64 appeal is pending. The Office of Child Support Services shall publish on
65 the Department of Social Services' Internet web site, the names,
66 residential addresses and amounts of delinquent child support owed by
67 the one hundred individuals having the highest delinquent child
68 support obligations. For purposes of this subsection, "delinquent child
69 support obligor" means an obligor who (1) owes overdue child support,
70 accruing after the entry of a court order, in an amount which exceeds
71 ninety days of periodic payments on a current child support or
72 arrearage payment order, or (2) has failed to make court ordered
73 medical or dental insurance coverage available within ninety days of the
74 issuance of a court order or fails to maintain such coverage pursuant to

75 a court order for a period of ninety days.]

76 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social Services,
 77 in collaboration with the Commissioners of Mental Health and
 78 Addiction Services and Housing, shall study whether state-contracted
 79 providers of human services receive disparate payment rates under
 80 programs the commissioners administer in different regions of the state.
 81 The commissioners shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
 82 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on their rate study and any
 83 resulting recommendations for rate adjustments not later than
 84 November 1, 2021, to the joint standing committees of the General
 85 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
 86 the budgets of state agencies, housing, human services and public
 87 health. For purposes of this section, "human services" includes, but is
 88 not limited to: (1) Physical and behavioral health services, and (2)
 89 housing and shelter services provided to homeless persons."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	17b-617(a)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59g(c)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-179(l)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	New section