



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 301

LCO No. 2529



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO FUND REIMBURSEMENTS TO LANDLORDS FOR LOST RENTAL PAYMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Housing, within available appropriations, shall
3 establish a pilot program to reimburse landlords who applied for rental
4 payment reimbursement through the UniteCT rental assistance
5 program but were denied such reimbursement solely due to lack of
6 tenant participation. The commissioner shall establish criteria for such
7 pilot program and prescribe a form for landlords to apply for
8 reimbursement under such program. Such pilot program shall assess
9 the unmet needs for landlord reimbursement in the state and, for a one-
10 year period beginning on October 1, 2022, provide for reimbursement to
11 any such landlord who applies and adequately demonstrates that they
12 would have been entitled to reimbursement under the UniteCT
13 program but for the lack of tenant participation, in an amount not
14 greater than would have been available to such landlord had the
15 landlord's UniteCT application been approved.

16 (b) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Housing
17 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
18 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing concerning
20 the pilot program established pursuant to this section. The report shall
21 include, but need not be limited to, (1) a summary of program
22 implementation, including efforts to inform and educate eligible
23 landlords about the program; (2) an assessment of program utilization
24 rates; (3) an assessment of program performance during the pilot period
25 based on data, including, but not limited to, data concerning both the
26 implementation of the program by the Department of Housing and the
27 use of the program; and (4) any recommendations the commissioner
28 may have regarding future implementation or an extension of the pilot
29 program.

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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 establish a pilot program to (1) identify landlords who were not reimbursed for rental payments under the UniteCT program, and (2) reimburse landlords who were denied solely for lack of tenant participation.

[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.]