



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 such  
12 landlord 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.

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

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*