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To: House Bill No. 6001

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN GAS TAXES, THE EXTENSION OF FREE BUS SERVICE, BOTTLE DEPOSIT LABELS AND FUNDING FOR THE CONNECTICUT PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE."**

1 In line T-272, strike "122,715,214" and insert "60,415,214" in lieu  
2 thereof

3 Strike line T378 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

<u>"State-Appropriated Fuel Assistance Program"</u>		<u>92,300,000</u>		

4 Strike section 6 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections

5 and internal references accordingly.

6 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
7 internal references accordingly:

8 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions  
9 of sections 16a-41a, as amended by this act, and 17b-801 of the general  
10 statutes, the Commissioner of Social Services shall utilize funds  
11 allocated for the State-Appropriated Fuel Assistance Program pursuant  
12 to section 503 of this act to provide benefits to persons eligible for said  
13 program and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program at an  
14 equal level to those benefits provided to such persons for the fiscal year  
15 ending June 30, 2022. Additionally, such funds shall be utilized to  
16 provide a one-time fuel assistance delivery benefit of (1) three hundred  
17 thirty dollars to each household having an income level between sixty-  
18 one and one hundred twenty per cent of the state median income, and  
19 (2) one hundred eighty dollars for those renters having an income level  
20 between sixty-one and one hundred twenty per cent of the state median  
21 income, if persons in such households or such renters do not otherwise  
22 qualify for fuel assistance benefits under a state-administered fuel  
23 assistance program.

24 (b) Any funds allocated pursuant to section 503 of this act but not  
25 utilized for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section, shall  
26 be credited to Invest Connecticut for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

27 Sec. 502. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16a-41a of the  
28 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
29 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

30 (1) Not later than August first, annually, a Connecticut energy  
31 assistance program annual plan which establishes guidelines for the use  
32 of funds authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
33 Act of 1981, as amended, and includes the following:

34 (A) Criteria for determining which households are to receive  
35 emergency assistance;

36 (B) A description of systems used to ensure referrals to other energy  
37 assistance programs and the taking of simultaneous applications, as  
38 required under section 16a-41;

39 (C) A description of outreach efforts;

40 (D) Estimates of the total number of households eligible for assistance  
41 under the program and the number of households in which one or more  
42 elderly or physically disabled individuals eligible for assistance reside;

43 (E) Design of a basic grant for eligible households that does not  
44 discriminate against such households based on the type of energy used  
45 for heating; and

46 (F) A payment plan for fuel deliveries beginning [November 1, 2018]  
47 on the effective date of this section, that ensures a vendor of deliverable  
48 fuel who completes deliveries authorized by a community action agency  
49 that contracts with the commissioner to administer a fuel assistance  
50 program is paid [by] the amount per gallon charged by such vendor on  
51 the date of delivery. Such payment shall be made by the community  
52 action agency to the vendor by check or electronic funds transfer, at the  
53 option of the vendor, not later than [thirty] fifteen business days after  
54 the date the community action agency receives an authorized fuel slip  
55 or invoice for payment from the vendor;

56 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
57 section 4-28b of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Social Services  
58 shall amend the 2023 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant  
59 Allocation Plan to restore the benefit levels that existed in the 2022 Low  
60 Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Allocation Plan. The  
61 commissioner shall seek any federal approval necessary to implement  
62 the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	16a-41a(a)(1)
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