



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. CASE, 63rd Dist.

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5426

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL VENDOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, A COMMON HEATING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION, AND STUDIES REGARDING BULK FUEL PURCHASES AND VENDOR PAYMENT BEST PRACTICES."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 16a-41a of the 2024 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

6 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a program
7 to purchase deliverable fuel for low-income households participating in
8 the Connecticut energy assistance program and the state-appropriated
9 fuel assistance program. The commissioner shall ensure an adequate
10 supply of vendors for the program by (1) establishing county and

11 regional pricing standards for deliverable fuel, (2) reimbursing fuel
 12 providers based on the price of the fuel on the date of delivery, and (3)
 13 allowing a vendor to electronically submit an authorized fuel slip or
 14 invoice for payment. Commencing with the energy assistance program
 15 period beginning November 1, 2025, the commissioner shall ensure an
 16 adequate supply of vendors for the program by establishing new pricing
 17 standards for deliverable fuel that fairly compensate fuel vendors for
 18 costs incurred on fuel purchase and delivery while maintaining the
 19 maximum amount of funding to benefit recipients of the program. Not
 20 later than August 1, 2025, the commissioner shall include such pricing
 21 standards in the annual plan for the program required pursuant to
 22 subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2024	16a-41a(b)