



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6939**

LCO No. 4498



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE FUNDING FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 47a-75 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

4 (b) There is established a right to counsel program for the purpose of  
5 providing any covered individual with legal representation at no cost in  
6 a covered matter initiated on or after July 1, 2021. The Judicial Branch  
7 shall, using available federal or state funds, contract with or enter a  
8 memorandum of agreement with an administering entity to administer  
9 the right to counsel program. The administering entity, within the  
10 funding available to it for the right to counsel program, shall fund the  
11 provision of legal representation by designated organizations under this  
12 section. A designated organization may subcontract with a nonprofit or  
13 community organization to provide legal representation to a covered  
14 individual, and to provide tenant outreach and education. A designated  
15 organization shall, at a minimum: (1) Have substantial expertise in

16 housing law and landlord tenant law and substantial experience  
17 furnishing free legal assistance to eligible individuals; (2) have a  
18 demonstrated history of serving the low-income community; (3)  
19 identify the geographic area in which such organization provides legal  
20 representation; (4) have a plan to reach and provide legal representation  
21 to income-eligible persons with limited English proficiency; and (5)  
22 provide appropriate supervision and training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	47a-75(b)

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*