General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1214

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LCO No. **3667**

Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human services and appropriations. Such report shall (1) describe each program administered by the department that serves children or families, where eligibility for participation in such program or the sliding fee for participation in such program is based on a comparison between annual family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the total cost associated with the administration of each such program, (3) list the anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each such program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include children and families with an annual family income above the federal poverty level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for the state, as determined by the United Way of

Connecticut, (4) list how many additional children or families would be eligible for participation in each such program if participation was expanded in the manner described in subdivision (3) of this section, and (5) discuss the feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival in making eligibility determinations for each such program.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Developmental Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, public health and appropriations. Such report shall (1) describe each program administered by the department that serves children or families, where eligibility for participation in such program or the sliding fee for participation in such program is based on a comparison between annual family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the total cost associated with the administration of each such program, (3) list the anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each such program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include children and families with an annual family income above the federal poverty level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for the state, as determined by the United Way of Connecticut, (4) list how many additional children or families would be eligible for participation in each such program if participation was expanded in the manner described in subdivision (3) of this section, and (5) discuss the feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival in making eligibility determinations for each such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section
Sec. 2	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services to submit reports describing current costs associated with programs serving children and families and anticipated costs associated with utilizing different eligibility criteria for participation in such programs.

[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.]