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Raised Bill No. 7233

LCO No. 4723



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT PROMOTING EFFICIENCY IN STATE BENEFIT PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide
4 fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to
5 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance
6 under (1) programs administered by the department, including, but
7 not limited to, (A) the temporary family assistance program, (B) the
8 supplemental nutrition assistance program, (C) the child care subsidy
9 program, or (D) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the
10 Social Security Act, and (2) the child care subsidy program
11 administered by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to section
12 17b-749, is fraudulent prior to granting assistance. The Commissioner
13 of Social Services shall consult with the Commissioner of Early
14 Childhood regarding the development of such state-wide fraud early
15 detection system for such child care subsidy program. The
16 Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance
17 with chapter 54, for the purpose of developing and implementing said

18 system. The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit quarterly
19 reports concerning savings realized through the implementation of the
20 state-wide fraud early detection system to the joint standing
21 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
23 agencies.

24 (b) The Commissioners of Correction, Children and Families,
25 Developmental Services, Early Childhood, Mental Health and
26 Addiction Services, Rehabilitation Services and Social Services shall
27 share interagency reports monthly concerning: (1) Incidences of fraud
28 committed by beneficiaries of the state benefit programs administered
29 by said commissioners, (2) incarceration or death of state residents
30 receiving such benefits, and (3) best practices regarding cost
31 efficiencies. The commissioners shall file a joint report not later than
32 January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
35 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The
36 report shall include, but need not be limited to, the savings realized by
37 each department resulting from the interagency reports required
38 pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17b-7a

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce fraud and inefficiency in state benefit programs by requiring agencies to share information on fraudulent claims and best cost-efficient practices.

[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.]