

General Assembly

January Session, 2019

Raised Bill No. 7337

LCO No. **5466**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 16a-41a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):

(e) Not later than November 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Social 4 5 Services shall require each community action agency administering a fuel assistance program to make payment to a vendor of deliverable 6 7 fuel not later than thirty days after the community action agency receives an authorized fuel slip or invoice for payment from the 8 9 vendor. No such community action agency shall authorize a vendor of deliverable fuel to make a fuel delivery until funds for such delivery 10 11 are transferred from the Department of Social Services to the community action agency and are available to pay the vendor for such 12 13 delivery.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2019	16a-41a(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To protect fuel vendors in the energy assistance program from delayed payments by requiring that the Department of Social Services release fuel assistance funds to community action agencies before such agencies authorize fuel vendors to make deliveries.

[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.]