



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 400***

LCO No. 2380



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY OF  
A CONSERVED PERSON IN DSS CONSERVATORSHIPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 45a-651 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2020*):

4 (c) When so appointed, such commissioner or designees shall have  
5 all the powers and duties of a conservator as provided in sections 45a-  
6 644 to 45a-662, inclusive. The department may contract with any public  
7 or private agency or person to assist in the carrying out of the duties as  
8 conservator of the estate or the person. The commissioner or the  
9 commissioner's designee shall make reasonable efforts to communicate  
10 with an immediate family member of the conserved person, unless (1)  
11 the commissioner or the commissioner's designee is unable to locate  
12 such family member after a reasonable search of not more than thirty  
13 days, (2) such communication is contrary to the provisions of subsection  
14 (b) of section 45a-656, or (3) such immediate family member has (A)  
15 interfered with the provision of protective services to a conserved

16 person under section 17b-453, or (B) been reported for suspected abuse,  
17 abandonment, neglect or exploitation of the conserved person under  
18 section 17a-412 or 17b-451. For purposes of this subsection, "immediate  
19 family" means a parent, sibling, child or spouse.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	45a-651(c)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure the Commissioner of Social Services or the commissioner's designee regularly communicates with known immediate family of a conserved person when the commissioner has been appointed conservator of such person.

*[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.]*