

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 499



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING A REINSURANCE PROGRAM TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Office of Health 2 Strategy, established under section 19a-754a of the general statutes, in 3 conjunction with the Office of Policy and Management, the Insurance 4 Department and the Health Reinsurance Association created under 5 section 38a-556 of the general statutes, to seek a state innovation waiver 6 under Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 7 P.L. 111-148, to establish a reinsurance program that (1) provides 8 enough state subsidies that it does not adversely affect those who 9 qualify for subsidies under the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, 10 and (2) lowers premiums for those who do not qualify for such 11 subsidies.

## Statement of Purpose:

To expand health care coverage by lowering insurance premiums.