



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5162

February Session, 2024



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:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the
2 Department of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with
3 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
4 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
5 matters relating to children, human services and appropriations. Such
6 report shall (1) describe each program administered by the department
7 that serves children or families pursuant to a sliding fee scale or at no
8 cost to such children and families, where eligibility for participation in
9 such program or the sliding fee for participation in such program is
10 based on a comparison between annual family income and the federal
11 poverty level, (2) list the total cost associated with the administration of
12 each such program, (3) list the anticipated total cost associated with the
13 administration of each such program if eligibility for participation was
14 expanded to include children and families with an annual family
15 income above the federal poverty level and below the ALICE Threshold
16 of Financial Survival for the state, as determined by the United Way of
17 Connecticut, (4) list how many additional children or families would be
18 eligible for participation in each such program if participation was

19 expanded in the manner described in subdivision (3) of this section, and
20 (5) discuss the feasibility of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial
21 Survival in making eligibility determinations for each such program.

22 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the
23 Department of Developmental Services shall submit a report, in
24 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
25 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
26 cognizance of matters relating to children, public health and
27 appropriations. Such report shall (1) describe each program
28 administered by the department that serves children or families
29 pursuant to a sliding fee scale or at no cost to such children and families,
30 where eligibility for participation in such program or the sliding fee for
31 participation in such program is based on a comparison between annual
32 family income and the federal poverty level, (2) list the total cost
33 associated with the administration of each such program, (3) list the
34 anticipated total cost associated with the administration of each such
35 program if eligibility for participation was expanded to include children
36 and families with an annual family income above the federal poverty
37 level and below the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival for the state,
38 as determined by the United Way of Connecticut, (4) list how many
39 additional children or families would be eligible for participation in
40 each such program if participation was expanded in the manner
41 described in subdivision (3) of this section, and (5) discuss the feasibility
42 of adopting the ALICE Threshold of Financial Survival in making
43 eligibility determinations for each such program.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
In Section 1, "social services" was changed to "human services" and in Section 2, "social services" was changed to "public health", for accuracy.

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