



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 326

Senate, April 7, 2026

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. LESSER of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HUSKY C ASSET LIMITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services shall increase and then eliminate the asset limit for the
3 HUSKY C health program, as defined in section 17b-290 of the general
4 statutes, over a five-year period in accordance with the provisions of this
5 section:

6 (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, the commissioner shall
7 increase the asset limit for (A) an unmarried person from one thousand
8 six hundred dollars to ten thousand dollars, and (B) married persons
9 from two thousand four hundred dollars to fifteen thousand dollars;

10 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, the commissioner shall
11 increase the asset limit for (A) an unmarried person to twenty-five
12 thousand dollars, and (B) married persons to forty thousand dollars;

13 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2030, the commissioner shall

14 increase the asset limit for (A) an unmarried person to seventy-five
15 thousand dollars, and (B) married persons to one hundred thousand
16 dollars;

17 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2031, the commissioner shall
18 increase the asset limit for (A) an unmarried person to one hundred
19 thousand dollars, and (B) married persons to one hundred fifty
20 thousand dollars; and

21 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2032, and each fiscal year
22 thereafter, there shall be no asset limit for unmarried or married
23 persons.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall allow any person,
25 whose income exceeds the income limits for the HUSKY C health
26 program but who otherwise qualifies, to qualify for the program by
27 spending down such person's excess income over the program income
28 limits on incurred medical bills in accordance with 42 CFR 435.831.

29 (c) Not later than July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter until July 1,
30 2032, the commissioner shall file a report, in accordance with the
31 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and
34 human services on (1) the number of persons eligible for the HUSKY C
35 health program for the prior fiscal year, (2) the number of persons found
36 ineligible for the program for exceeding the asset limit and the amount
37 by which their assets exceeded the limit, (3) projections from available
38 data as to how many persons would qualify for HUSKY C in the
39 succeeding fiscal year based on the asset limits for that fiscal year, and
40 (4) any increased costs incurred by the state or projected to be incurred
41 by the state in the succeeding fiscal year due to changes in the asset
42 limits.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$1.5 million	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	600,000	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a significant cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) due to increasing (and eventually removing) the asset limit for purposes of HUSKY C eligibility. The bill increases the asset limit from \$1,600 for individuals and \$2,400 for married couples to \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively in FY 28, \$25,000 and \$40,000 in FY 29, \$75,000 and \$100,000 in FY 30 and eliminates the asset limit beginning in FY 32.

The disposition of assets for the eligible expansion population is unknown. For context, if HUSKY C enrollment increases by 5%, the state will experience increased Medicaid costs of approximately \$14.5 million in the first year and \$63.4 million when annualized.¹ If enrollment were to increase by 10%, the state would experience annualized costs of at least \$126.7 million.

The state will incur additional administrative costs of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 27 and at least \$300,000 in subsequent years to modify

¹ This assumes a gradual increase in enrollment of 4,250 individuals over two years.

the eligibility system and support increased enrollment. Increased system costs result in an associated federal grants revenue gain of approximately \$600,000 in FY 27.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to Medicaid enrollment under HUSKY C associated with the gradual increase and eventual elimination of asset limits.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 326****AN ACT CONCERNING HUSKY C ASSET LIMITS.****SUMMARY**

This bill expands eligibility for Connecticut's HUSKY C program, which provides Medicaid coverage to qualifying residents who are (1) at least age 65 or (2) ages 18 to 64 and disabled or blind. It does so by increasing and then eliminating the program's asset limit over a five-year period as shown in the table below.

Table: HUSKY C Asset Limits Under the Bill

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Single Person</i>	<i>Married Couple</i>
Current Law	\$1,600	\$2,400
FY 28	10,000	15,000
FY 29	25,000	40,000
FY 30	75,000	100,000
FY 31	100,000	150,000
FYs 32 and after	Asset Limits Eliminated	

The bill also requires the commissioner to allow anyone whose income exceeds HUSKY C income limits, but who otherwise qualifies for the program, to qualify by spending down their excess income on medical bills according to federal Medicaid law on income eligibility determinations for medically needy individuals.

Additionally, the bill requires the commissioner to annually report, by July 1, 2027, until July 1, 2032, to the Appropriations and Human Services committees on (1) the number of people eligible for HUSKY C the prior fiscal year, (2) how many people ineligible for the program exceeded the asset limit, and by how much; (3) projections from available data on how many people would qualify for HUSKY C in the

next fiscal year based on that year’s increased asset limit; and (4) any increased or projected state costs attributed to changing the asset limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 5302, favorably reported by the Aging Committee, requires DSS to increase HUSKY C asset limits to \$5,000 for a single person and \$7,500 for a married couple.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 6 (03/19/2026)