



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 473

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 431

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 PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE IN LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
3 study the need for palliative and hospice care services in Litchfield
4 County. In conducting the study, the commissioner shall take into
5 consideration any findings concerning the need for such services by the
6 Palliative Care Advisory Council established pursuant to section 19a-60
7 of the general statutes.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social
9 Services shall file a report on the study, in accordance with the
10 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint
11 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
12 matters relating to human services and public health. If the study
13 concludes that there is a need for such services, the commissioner may,
14 within available appropriations, design and implement a pilot program

15 to provide such services in Litchfield County. The commissioner shall
16 maximize any federal funding available for such pilot program and may
17 seek a Medicaid waiver or amend the Medicaid state plan to obtain such
18 funding.

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

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact to the state because the Department of Social Services (DSS) already possesses the resources and expertise to study and report on Litchfield County's palliative and hospice care needs by January 1, 2027.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026)