



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5355

LCO No. 681



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL PRICING IN THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 16a-41a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a program
5 to purchase deliverable fuel for low-income households participating in
6 the Connecticut energy assistance program and the state-appropriated
7 fuel assistance program. The commissioner shall ensure an adequate
8 supply of vendors for the program by (1) establishing [county and]
9 regional pricing standards for deliverable fuel, (2) reimbursing fuel
10 providers based on the price of the fuel publicly posted by the
11 commissioner on the Internet web site of the Department of Social
12 Services on the date of delivery, and (3) allowing a vendor to
13 electronically submit an authorized fuel slip or invoice for payment.
14 Commencing with the energy assistance program period beginning
15 November 1, 2025, the commissioner shall ensure an adequate supply

16 of vendors for the program by establishing new pricing standards for
17 deliverable fuel that fairly compensate fuel vendors for costs incurred
18 on fuel purchase and delivery while maintaining the maximum amount
19 of funding to benefit recipients of the program. Not later than August 1,
20 2025, the commissioner shall include such pricing standards in the
21 annual plan for the program required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
22 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-41a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To update fuel pricing standards for vendors in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

[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.]