



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 431**

February Session, 2026



**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.*