



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1477

Senate, April 1, 2025

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A COVERED CONNECTICUT TRUST FUND.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "Covered Connecticut Trust Fund" which
3 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the Grants and Restricted
4 Accounts Fund established pursuant to section 4-31c of the general
5 statutes. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be
6 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended to
7 promote the sustainability of health care provided in the state through
8 the Covered Connecticut program, established pursuant to section 19a-
9 754c of the general statutes, the HUSKY Health program, as defined in
10 section 17b-290 of the general statutes, and health care subsidies offered
11 through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, established
12 pursuant to section 38a-1081 of the general statutes.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, in consultation with the
14 Commissioner of Social Services and the Insurance Commissioner, shall
15 develop a strategic plan to use moneys in the fund to sustain health care

16 services offered through said programs and the Connecticut Health
17 Insurance Exchange in the event federal Medicaid funding or health
18 care subsidies decrease.

19 (c) Not later than September 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Health
20 Strategy shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section
21 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the
22 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
23 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and
24 insurance and real estate on the strategic plan and recommendations for
25 state appropriations needed to sustain the fund and said health care
26 programs and subsidies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

HS *Joint Favorable*

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Health Strategy (OHS), in consultation with the Department of Social Services and the Insurance Department, to develop a plan to sustain healthcare services through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange in the event that federal Medicaid funding or health care subsidies decrease. This will not result in a fiscal impact, as the agencies possess staff with the expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1477*****AN ACT CONCERNING A COVERED CONNECTICUT TRUST FUND.*****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Covered Connecticut Trust Fund to promote the sustainability of health care provided through (1) the HUSKY Health and Covered Connecticut programs and (2) health care subsidies offered through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange. The HUSKY Health program includes Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program coverage. Covered Connecticut provides fully subsidized coverage to parents, caretaker relatives, and low-income adults who have income above Medicaid income limits.

The bill establishes the trust fund as a separate, nonlapsing account within the Grants and Restricted Accounts Fund. By law, this account contains money that is restricted and not available for general use.

The bill requires the Office of Health Strategy commissioner to develop a strategic plan to use the fund to sustain health care services through these programs if federal Medicaid funding or health care subsidies decrease. The commissioner must (1) develop the strategic plan in consultation with the social services and insurance commissioners and (2) report on it by September 1, 2025, to the Appropriations, Human Services, and Insurance and Real Estate committees, including recommendations for appropriations needed to sustain the fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 6 (03/13/2025)