

# **Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-6984

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.

**Vote Date:** 3/6/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/28/2025

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Aging Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This proposal would increase the fee schedule for adult day care services by 10% over the fee schedule from the previous fiscal year for the purpose of increased funding for transportation. The cost of transportation to and from adult day centers has increased significantly in recent years. This means that a larger portion of the adult day center fee is going toward transportation instead of the many other services they provide, including nursing/medical services, meals, social programs, activities, and more. This bill will allow these adult day centers to continue providing the valuable services they provide by increasing the fee schedule to cover the increased cost of transportation.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Dept of Social Services, Ms. Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner:** They estimate that this rate increase will result in additional cost of \$1.2 million in fiscal year with the state cost in fiscal year 2025 of \$0.6 million and \$1.6 million in the fiscal year 2027. The specific funding to enhance transportation is not included in the Governor's recommended budget and the Dept. cannot support the change at this time.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**LeadingAge, Connecticut, Ms. Mag Morelli, President:** They **support** this legislation for an increase in the rate for the purpose of providing increased funding for the required transportation services. These services are very valuable and are a cost-effective community-based option for older adults.

**Connecticut Association of Adult Day Services, Ms. Chrissie Schettini, President:** They **support** this bill and urge its passage. Adult Day Centers are a vital part of the home and community-based services spectrum. Many provider types are working to keep seniors aging in place and they can live at home. So as wonderful as it is to be living at home, and in the community, it is most beneficial for these citizens to be actually out in their communities and feel like they are a part of it. Adult Day Centers provide crucial care to the most vulnerable populations, and we can only do this with the support of the state. They would be happy to provide additional data and have further discussions about their services and the costs associated.

**All Care and Chestelm Adult Day Services, Ms. Victoria Leist, Regional Manager**  
**Day Break Farmington, Ms. Adipel Lopez, Director**  
**Juniper Home Care, Ms. Andrei Brel, President**  
**Partnerships Adult Day Center, Ms. Victoria Crocco, Executive Director**  
**DayTymers Social Club at Heritage Commons, Ms. Carmela Gagnon, Executive Director**  
**Beautiful Life Adult Home Care Services, Mr. Mark Kanevsky**  
**Robin's Nest Intergenerational Daycare, Dylan Twigg, Assistant Director**  
**Joining Hearts Adult Day Services, Ms. Priscilla Acosta-Soto,**  
**Hebrew Adult Day Center, Ms. Candice Smith, Director**  
**Clelian Center, Ms. Lori Schommer, Executive Director**  
**Caring Connection, Ms. Cheryl Rosenbaum, Manager**  
**Day Break, Waterbury, Ms. Suzzette Lopez, Director**  
**Golden Adult Day Center, Ms. Miledy Marmol, Director**  
**River House Adult Day Center, Ms. Dee Hernandez, Executive Director**  
**Northwest Connecticut, Adult Day Center, Ms. Amy Fitzpatrick, Executive Director**  
**Senior Moments Adult Day Center, Ms. Lori O'Connor, Owner**  
**Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center, Ms. Mary-Margaret Mandel, Executive Director**  
**Day-Break at Hartford, Ms. Monet Masi, Director**  
**Partnerships Adult Day Center, Ms. Shirley Pripstein, Chairperson**  
**Old Glory Days Adult Day Center, Ms. Emily Slattery, Owner**  
**Sunset Shores Adult Day Health, Ms. Gladys Soto**  
**UCFS Eldercare, Ms. Carolyn Trantalis, Vice President**  
**Sarah Care Adult Day Care Centers, Mr. Boris Yezersky, Program Director**

Those above testified in **support** of this bill, providing comments about the opportunities that are provided by adult day centers and the challenges they face every day due to the cost of transportation and the current rate these day centers are paid per day.

#### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Ms. Wendy Loge, retired:** Her comments in opposition were unrelated to the language of the bill.

**Reported by:** Richard Ferrari, Assistant Clerk  
Alexander Mercier, Clerk

**Date:** 3/10/2025