

Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1476

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABLE ACT.

Vote Date: 3/14/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/11/2025

File No.: 385

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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Sen. Tony Hwang, 28th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill makes various changes to Connecticut's Achieving a Better Life (ABLE) program. The goal is to better allow people with disabilities to save money without losing federal or state benefit eligibility.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

CT Department of Social Services, Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner: supports this bill that updates state statutory language to align with federal statutory references associated with the ABLE Act and clarifies that qualifying contributions to ABLE accounts must be disregarded in state-administrated means-tested public assistance programs to the extent permitted by federal law and has no concerns with this clarifying language and supports the bill.

CT Office of the State Treasurer, Erick Russell, State Treasurer: Erick Russell supported this bill and summarized the changes made to sections 1-6, which includes raising the eligibility age from 26 to 46, giving the Treasurer the authority to pay for maintenance fees, within available appropriations, for individual ABLE CT accounts, and requiring that ABLE CT accounts are disregarded for all means-tested programs.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Edie Taylor, Retired Custodian:](#) supports the bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Jasmine Jones

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