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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL
BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
2 2026, the Commissioner of Social Services shall develop and administer
3 a one-year pilot program to provide a universal basic income to certain
4 residents in five municipalities in the state and demonstrate the
5 economic impacts of providing such income at the individual, family,
6 community and state level.

7 (b) In developing the pilot program, the commissioner shall solicit
8 input from professionals with expertise in the fields of universal basic
9 income, economics, housing, child welfare, labor, workforce
10 development and social services administration. The commissioner
11 shall develop: (1) Criteria for selecting five municipalities in
12 geographically, demographically and economically diverse regions of
13 the state for implementation of the pilot program; (2) eligibility criteria
14 for the selection of residents to participate in the pilot program,
15 including, but not limited to, requirements that each participant (A) be

16 eighteen years of age or older, (B) be an expectant parent or the parent
17 or guardian of at least one child who lives in the participant's household,
18 and (C) have a household income below the federal poverty level for
19 such participant's family size; (3) a process for the selection of such
20 participants; (4) a formula to determine the amount of each monthly
21 payment distributed to each participant, that is based on financial need
22 and family size; (5) a system for administering the pilot program,
23 including, but not limited to, the timing of and process for distributing
24 monthly payments to participants; and (6) a methodology for the
25 collection of data relating to participants and the implementation of the
26 pilot program, including, but not limited to, the age, race, ethnicity,
27 education level, family composition, housing costs, additional income
28 and state-provided or state-funded financial assistance received by each
29 participant and the economic and public health impacts of the pilot
30 program on each participant and such participant's household.

31 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall select twenty
32 individuals from each selected municipality to participate in the pilot
33 program. Each participant shall receive a monthly payment for the
34 duration of the pilot program based on the formula developed by the
35 commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this
36 section. As a condition of participating in the pilot program, each
37 participant shall cooperate with the Department of Social Services in the
38 provision and collection of data related to the administration of the pilot
39 program.

40 (d) The commissioner may solicit and accept private funds to
41 implement such pilot program.

42 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 17b-112 of the
43 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
44 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

45 (d) (1) Under said program, no family shall be eligible that has total
46 gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the

47 calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously
 48 eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of
 49 workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently
 50 returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits,
 51 earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level. On
 52 and after October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall not deny a family
 53 assistance under said program on the basis of such family's assets unless
 54 such assets exceed six thousand dollars. Except when determining
 55 eligibility for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to subsection
 56 (c) of this section, the commissioner shall disregard the first fifty dollars
 57 per month of income attributable to current child support that a family
 58 receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for temporary
 59 family assistance. Any current child support in excess of fifty dollars per
 60 month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible child shall be
 61 considered in determining eligibility but shall not be considered when
 62 calculating benefits and shall be taken as reimbursement for assistance
 63 paid under this section, except that when the current child support
 64 collected exceeds the family's monthly award of temporary family
 65 assistance benefits plus fifty dollars, the current child support shall be
 66 paid to the family and shall be considered when calculating benefits.
 67 The commissioner shall disregard any financial assistance received by a
 68 family member as part of such family member's participation in the pilot
 69 program described in section 1 of this act.

70 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social Services
 71 shall convene and serve as chairperson of a working group to study and
 72 provide recommendations for the implementation of a state-wide
 73 universal basic income program. Such working group shall consist of
 74 professionals with demonstrated expertise in the fields of universal
 75 basic income, economics, housing, child welfare, labor, workforce
 76 development and social services administration.

77 (b) The working group shall (1) analyze the data obtained during the
 78 implementation of the universal basic income pilot program established
 79 pursuant to section 1 of this act; (2) conduct a cost-benefit analysis

80 concerning the provision of universal basic income during the
 81 implementation of the pilot program; (3) make recommendations for
 82 implementation of a state-wide universal basic income program,
 83 including monthly payment formulas and amounts, strategies to
 84 maximize cost savings and the provision of other public benefits; and
 85 (4) make recommendations for any legislation required to implement a
 86 universal basic income program on a state-wide basis.

87 (c) Not later than June 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services
 88 shall submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the
 89 working group to the joint standing committees of the General
 90 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human
 91 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
 92 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
 93 The working group shall terminate on the date the commissioner
 94 submits such report or June 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-112(d)(1)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a universal basic income pilot program and require the Commissioner of Social Services to convene a working group to study the state-wide implementation of a universal basic income 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.]