



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 7103***

*January Session, 2025*



***AN ACT CONCERNING THE KATIE BECKETT WORKING GROUP  
RECOMMENDATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
4 appropriations, administer a Medicaid waiver program pursuant to  
5 Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act to provide home and  
6 community-based services for persons who are institutionalized or at  
7 risk of institutionalization and who (1) are [twenty-one] eighteen years  
8 of age or younger; (2) have a physical disability and may also have a co-  
9 occurring developmental disability; and (3) meet the financial eligibility  
10 criteria established in the waiver.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Social  
12 Services shall create a brochure with information and eligibility criteria  
13 for the Katie Beckett Waiver Program. Not later than September 1, 2025,  
14 the department shall distribute the brochure to medical providers,  
15 including, but not limited to, children's hospitals, geneticists, nurses and  
16 social workers.

17 (b) The Department of Social Services, at least annually, shall provide

18 information on the Katie Beckett Waiver Program, including eligibility  
19 criteria, in the department's bulletin to Medicaid-enrolled providers.

20       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
21 Services shall develop a five-year plan to eliminate the waiting list for  
22 the Katie Beckett Waiver Program and add home modification coverage  
23 for waiver participants with disabilities through the program.

24       (b) Not later than October 1, 2025, the commissioner shall file a report,  
25 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
26 on the plan with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
27 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
28 of state agencies and human services. The report shall include  
29 recommendations concerning state appropriations needed to  
30 implement the plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-283
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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**APP**       *Joint Favorable Subst.*