

General Assembly

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## Raised Bill No. 1231

LCO No. **3823** 

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTS WITH NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section and 2 section 2 of this act, (1) "nonprofit human services provider" means a 3 nonprofit entity that contracts with the state to provide health and 4 human services that may include, but need not be limited to: (A) 5 Services for persons with a physical disability, (B) services for persons 6 with intellectual disability or developmental disabilities, including, but 7 not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, and (C) behavioral health 8 services; and (2) "purchase of service contract" and "state agency" have 9 the same meanings as provided in section 4-70b of the general statutes.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter, the 11 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation 12 with representatives of nonprofit human services providers, complete a 13 review of the state's purchase of service contracts with nonprofit human 14 services providers to determine whether the rates such providers are paid to deliver health and human services pursuant to such contracts adequately compensate such providers for providing the level of services expected by the state agency contracting with such provider. For the purposes of such review, the secretary shall examine the contracts and agreements for such services of not less than two state agencies each year.

21 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, 22 the secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 23 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of 24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human 25 services, government administration and appropriations and the 26 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include (1) a summary of the 27 results of the review conducted under subsection (b) of this section, (2) 28 any applicable recommendations concerning requiring contracting state 29 agencies to reduce contractual expectations if those expectations are not 30 adequately funded by the contract or agreement, and (3) any 31 necessary recommended legislation to implement such 32 recommendations.

33 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, 34 and triennially thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 35 Management shall conduct a review of any reports that nonprofit 36 human services providers are required to file with various state 37 agencies, including requirements for program licensure or certification. 38 Such review shall include, but not be limited to, the number of reports 39 that are required to be filed, the amount of overlapping information in 40 such reports, the time and resources needed for providers to prepare 41 and file the reports, the reasons for requiring such reports and an 42 analysis of how the reports are utilized by the state agency receiving 43 such reports. State agencies and nonprofit human services providers 44 shall provide any information requested by the secretary for purposes 45 of such review.

46 (b) The secretary shall eliminate or consolidate any reporting

required by a state agency that the secretary identifies under subsection
(a) of this section as unduly burdensome or duplicative, unless such
reporting is (1) necessary to prevent fraud or misuse of funds, (2)
prescribed under federal law or regulation for the use of federal funds,
or (3) required under any provision of state law.

52 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, and triennially thereafter, the 53 secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 54 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of 55 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human 56 services, government administration and appropriations and the 57 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include a summary of the 58 results of the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section, any 59 reporting eliminated or consolidated under subsection (a) of this section 60 and any recommendations for any legislation necessary to eliminate 61 burdensome or duplicative reporting requirements required under state 62 law.

Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-70b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

66 (d) The secretary shall establish uniform policies and procedures for 67 obtaining, managing and evaluating the quality and cost effectiveness 68 of direct health and human services purchased from a private provider 69 organization or municipality. To the extent permissible under federal 70 law, such policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, a 71 requirement that a private provider organization receive payment for 72 any services provided pursuant to a purchase of service contract not 73 later than forty-five days after the receipt of a properly completed claim 74 or the receipt of such services, whichever is later, in accordance with 75 section 4a-71. The secretary shall require all state agencies which 76 purchase direct health and human services to comply with such policies 77 and procedures

- 78 Sec. 4. Sections 17a-227d and 17a-476a of the general statutes are
- 79 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	4-70b(d)
Sec. 4	from passage	Repealer section

## Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct reviews of the level of services and reporting requirements of nonprofit human services providers, and (2) repeal provisions concerning the cost allowance cap for executive director salaries in certain state agencies' calculations of grants to nonstate organizations that provide employment opportunities, day services, or residential facility services.

[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.]