



General Assembly

***Amendment***

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**LCO No. 8575**



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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7103**

File No. 913

Cal. No. 297

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 17b-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section  
14 and section 3 of this act, the "Katie Beckett Waiver Program" means the

15 Medicaid waiver program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the  
16 general statutes, as amended by this act. Not later than January 1, 2026,  
17 the Commissioner of Social Services shall make available on the Internet  
18 web site of the Department of Social Services:

19 (1) Information on eligibility criteria for the Katie Beckett Waiver  
20 Program, including any income or asset thresholds;

21 (2) A summary of services available under the program;

22 (3) A listing with contact information for family support groups and  
23 advocacy groups for children and young adults with severe debilitating  
24 diseases or conditions;

25 (4) A listing of other Medicaid waiver programs or Medicaid state  
26 plan services that offer services for such children and young adults,  
27 including eligibility criteria for such programs; and

28 (5) A listing of private organizations and state programs that may  
29 offer funding for home modification or adaptive equipment for persons  
30 with disabilities, including a link to the Internet web site of the  
31 Department of Aging and Disability Services for information on  
32 adaptive equipment purchases pursuant to section 17a-788 of the  
33 general statutes or assistive technology loans pursuant to section 17a-  
34 795 of the general statutes.

35 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall include information on  
36 eligibility criteria and provider reimbursement rates for the Katie  
37 Beckett Waiver Program in Medicaid provider bulletins.

38 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall annually administer a  
39 survey via electronic mail or mail to applicants who are on the waiting  
40 list for the Katie Beckett Waiver Program. The survey shall be designed  
41 to allow applicants to confirm or update demographic information and  
42 choose to remain on the waiting list or be removed. Applicants who do  
43 not respond shall remain on the waiting list.

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

48       (b) Not later than October 1, 2026, the commissioner shall file a report,  
49       in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
50       on the plan with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
51       having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
52       of state agencies and human services. The report shall include  
53       recommendations concerning state appropriations needed to  
54       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