OLR Bill Analysis HB 6939

AN ACT AUTHORIZING STATE FUNDING FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill allows available state funds to be used for the state's Right to Counsel (RTC) program, in addition to available federal funds as current law allows.

The RTC program provides free legal representation to incomeeligible tenants in (1) eviction proceedings and (2) administrative proceedings necessary to preserve a state or federal housing subsidy or prevent a proposed lease termination. The Connecticut Bar Foundation currently administers it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 12 Nay 6 (03/06/2025)