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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1359**

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES."***

1 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
3 "prescribing practitioner" means a physician, dentist, podiatrist,
4 optometrist, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or
5 nurse-midwife enrolled as a Medicaid provider who is licensed by the
6 state and authorized to prescribe opioid drugs within the scope of such
7 person's practice, and (2) "opioid drug" has the same meaning as
8 provided in section 20-14o of the general statutes.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may require a prescribing
10 practitioner, as a condition for the receipt of Medicaid reimbursement
11 for prescribing an opioid drug to a Medicaid recipient, to complete
12 training in effective pain management, including, but not limited to: (1)
13 Appropriate, available nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of pain,
14 and (2) the advantages and disadvantages of the use of nonopioid
15 treatment alternatives, considering a patient's risk of substance misuse.

16 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
17 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the
18 provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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