



Substitute Senate Bill No. 431

Special Act No. 26-27

AN ACT CONCERNING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE IN LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall study the need for palliative and hospice care services in Litchfield County. In conducting the study, the commissioner shall take into consideration any findings concerning the need for such services by the Palliative Care Advisory Council established pursuant to section 19a-60 of the general statutes.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services shall file a report on the study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health. If the study concludes that there is a need for such services, the commissioner may, within available appropriations, design and implement a pilot program to provide such services in Litchfield County. The commissioner shall maximize any federal funding available for such pilot program and may seek a Medicaid waiver or amend the Medicaid state plan to obtain such funding.

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