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**Governor's Bill No. 5040**

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant  
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.***

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

1       Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-191 of the 2026 supplement to  
2       the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3       thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4       (b) The state-administered general assistance program shall provide  
5       cash assistance of [(1)] two hundred sixty-nine dollars per month [for an  
6       unemployable person upon determination of such person's  
7       unemployability; (2) two hundred dollars per month for a transitional  
8       person who is required to pay for shelter; and (3) fifty dollars per month  
9       for a transitional person who is not required to pay for shelter] to  
10      persons eligible for the program. The standard of assistance paid for  
11      individuals residing in rated boarding facilities shall remain at the level  
12      in effect on August 31, 2003. No person shall be eligible for cash  
13      assistance under the program if eligible for cash assistance under any  
14      other state or federal cash assistance program. The standards of

15 assistance set forth in this subsection shall be subject to annual increases,  
16 as described in subsection (b) of section 17b-104.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 17b-274d of the general statutes is  
18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
19 *2026*):

20 (f) Nonpreferred drugs in the classes of drugs included on the  
21 preferred drug lists shall be subject to prior authorization. Prior  
22 authorization is not required for any mental-health-related drug that  
23 has been filled or refilled, in any dosage, at least one time in the one-  
24 year period prior to the date the individual presents a prescription for  
25 the drug at a pharmacy. If prior authorization is granted for a drug not  
26 included on a preferred drug list, the authorization shall be valid for one  
27 year from the date the prescription is first filled. [Antiretroviral classes  
28 of drugs shall not be included on the preferred drug lists.]

29 Sec. 3. Section 17b-597 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

31 (a) The Department of Social Services shall establish and implement  
32 a working persons with disabilities program to provide medical  
33 assistance as authorized under 42 USC 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii), as amended  
34 from time to time, to persons who are disabled and regularly employed.

35 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
36 state plan to allow persons specified in subsection (a) of this section to  
37 qualify for medical assistance. The amendment shall include the  
38 following requirements: (1) That the person be engaged in a substantial  
39 and reasonable work effort as determined by the commissioner and as  
40 permitted by federal law and have an annual adjusted gross income, as  
41 defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
42 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
43 as amended from time to time, of not more than eighty-five thousand  
44 dollars per year; (2) a disregard of all countable income up to two  
45 hundred per cent of the federal poverty level; (3) for an unmarried

46 person, an asset limit of twenty thousand dollars, and for a married  
47 couple, an asset limit of thirty thousand dollars; (4) a disregard of any  
48 retirement and medical savings accounts established pursuant to 26  
49 USC 220 and held by either the person or the person's spouse; (5) a  
50 disregard of any moneys in accounts designated by the person or the  
51 person's spouse for the purpose of purchasing goods or services that  
52 will increase the employability of such person, subject to approval by  
53 the commissioner; (6) a disregard of spousal income solely for purposes  
54 of determination of eligibility; and (7) a contribution of any countable  
55 income of the person or the person's spouse which exceeds two hundred  
56 per cent of the federal poverty level, as adjusted for the appropriate  
57 family size, equal to ten per cent of the excess minus any premiums paid  
58 from income for health insurance by any family member, but which  
59 does not exceed the maximum contribution allowable under Section  
60 201(a)(3) of Public Law 106-170, as amended from time to time.

61 [(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
62 on and after July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall phase in the elimination  
63 of income and asset limits for a participant in the program over four  
64 fiscal years by annually increasing (1) the income limit prescribed in  
65 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section by ten thousand dollars,  
66 and (2) the asset limit prescribed in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
67 this section by ten thousand dollars for an unmarried person and fifteen  
68 thousand dollars for a married couple. On and after July 1, 2029, there  
69 shall be no income or asset limit for eligibility for the program.]

70 [(d)] (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the  
71 policies and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
72 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in  
73 regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is  
74 posted on the eRegulations System in accordance with section 17b-10.  
75 The commissioner shall define "countable income" for purposes of  
76 subsection (b) of this section which shall take into account impairment-  
77 related work expenses as defined in the Social Security Act. Such  
78 policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are

79 effective.

80 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 17b-340 of the 2026  
81 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
82 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

83 (h) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care  
84 facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities with an operating  
85 cost component of its rate in excess of one hundred forty per cent of the  
86 median of operating cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992,  
87 shall not receive an operating cost component increase. For the fiscal  
88 year ending June 30, 1993, any intermediate care facility for individuals  
89 with intellectual disabilities with an operating cost component of its rate  
90 that is less than one hundred forty per cent of the median of operating  
91 cost components of rates in effect January 1, 1992, shall have an  
92 allowance for real wage growth equal to thirty per cent of the increase  
93 determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the  
94 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, provided such operating cost  
95 component shall not exceed one hundred forty per cent of the median  
96 of operating cost components in effect January 1, 1992. Any facility with  
97 real property other than land placed in service prior to October 1, 1991,  
98 shall, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, receive a rate of return on  
99 real property equal to the average of the rates of return applied to real  
100 property other than land placed in service for the five years preceding  
101 October 1, 1993. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any  
102 succeeding fiscal year, the rate of return on real property for property  
103 items shall be revised every five years. The commissioner shall, upon  
104 submission of a request, allow actual debt service, comprised of  
105 principal and interest, in excess of property costs allowed pursuant to  
106 section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,  
107 provided such debt service terms and amounts are reasonable in  
108 relation to the useful life and the base value of the property. For the fiscal  
109 year ending June 30, 1995, and any succeeding fiscal year, the inflation  
110 adjustment made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52  
111 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall not be applied to

112 real property costs. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any  
113 succeeding fiscal year, the allowance for real wage growth, as  
114 determined in accordance with subsection (q) of section 17-311-52 of the  
115 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, shall not be applied. For the  
116 fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and any succeeding fiscal year, no rate  
117 shall exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars per day unless the  
118 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
119 Developmental Services, determines after a review of program and  
120 management costs, that a rate in excess of this amount is necessary for  
121 care and treatment of facility residents. For the fiscal year ending June  
122 30, 2002, rate period, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase  
123 the inflation adjustment for rates made in accordance with subsection  
124 (p) of section 17-311-52 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies  
125 to update allowable fiscal year 2000 costs to include a three and one-half  
126 per cent inflation factor. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, rate  
127 period, the commissioner shall increase the inflation adjustment for  
128 rates made in accordance with subsection (p) of section 17-311-52 of the  
129 regulations of Connecticut state agencies to update allowable fiscal year  
130 2001 costs to include a one and one-half per cent inflation factor, except  
131 that such increase shall be effective November 1, 2002, and such facility  
132 rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, shall be paid for  
133 services provided until October 31, 2002, except any facility that would  
134 have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2002, than for the fiscal  
135 year ending June 30, 2002, due to interim rate status or agreement with  
136 the department shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2002, and  
137 have such rate updated effective November 1, 2002, in accordance with  
138 applicable statutes and regulations. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
139 2004, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2003, shall remain in  
140 effect, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate  
141 effective July 1, 2003, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, due  
142 to interim rate status or agreement with the department shall be issued  
143 such lower rate effective July 1, 2003. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
144 2005, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2004, shall remain in  
145 effect until September 30, 2004. Effective October 1, 2004, each facility

146 shall receive a rate that is five per cent greater than the rate in effect  
147 September 30, 2004. Effective upon receipt of all the necessary federal  
148 approvals to secure federal financial participation matching funds  
149 associated with the rate increase provided in subdivision (4) of  
150 subsection (f) of this section, but in no event earlier than October 1, 2005,  
151 and provided the user fee imposed under section 17b-320 is required to  
152 be collected, each facility shall receive a rate that is four per cent more  
153 than the rate the facility received in the prior fiscal year, except any  
154 facility that would have been issued a lower rate effective October 1,  
155 2005, than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, due to interim rate  
156 status or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate  
157 effective October 1, 2005. Such rate increase shall remain in effect unless:  
158 (A) The federal financial participation matching funds associated with  
159 the rate increase are no longer available; or (B) the user fee created  
160 pursuant to section 17b-320 is not in effect. For the fiscal year ending  
161 June 30, 2007, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2006, shall  
162 remain in effect until September 30, 2006, except any facility that would  
163 have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2006, than for the fiscal  
164 year ending June 30, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with  
165 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2006.  
166 Effective October 1, 2006, no facility shall receive a rate that is more than  
167 three per cent greater than the rate in effect for the facility on September  
168 30, 2006, except any facility that would have been issued a lower rate  
169 effective October 1, 2006, due to interim rate status or agreement with  
170 the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective October 1, 2006.  
171 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, each facility shall receive a rate  
172 that is two and nine-tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect for the  
173 period ending June 30, 2007, except any facility that would have been  
174 issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2007, than for the rate period ending  
175 June 30, 2007, due to interim rate status, or agreement with the  
176 department, shall be issued such lower rate effective July 1, 2007. For the  
177 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rates in effect for the period ending June  
178 30, 2008, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2009, except any facility that  
179 would have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30,

180 2009, due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall  
181 be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and  
182 June 30, 2011, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2009, shall  
183 remain in effect until June 30, 2011, except any facility that would have  
184 been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, or the  
185 fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, due to interim rate status or agreement  
186 with the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal year  
187 ending June 30, 2012, rates in effect for the period ending June 30, 2011,  
188 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2012, except any facility that would  
189 have been issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,  
190 due to interim rate status or agreement with the department, shall be  
191 issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and  
192 June 30, 2015, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending  
193 June 30, 2013, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the  
194 rate paid to the facility for the period ending June 30, 2013, if a capital  
195 improvement approved by the Department of Developmental Services,  
196 in consultation with the Department of Social Services, for the health or  
197 safety of the residents was made to the facility during the fiscal year  
198 ending June 30, 2014, or June 30, 2015, to the extent such rate increases  
199 are within available appropriations. Any facility that would have been  
200 issued a lower rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, or the fiscal  
201 year ending June 30, 2015, due to interim rate status or agreement with  
202 the department, shall be issued such lower rate. For the fiscal years  
203 ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, rates shall not exceed those in  
204 effect for the period ending June 30, 2015, except the rate paid to a  
205 facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for the period  
206 ending June 30, 2015, if a capital improvement approved by the  
207 Department of Developmental Services, in consultation with the  
208 Department of Social Services, for the health or safety of the residents  
209 was made to the facility during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, or  
210 June 30, 2017, to the extent such rate increases are within available  
211 appropriations. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30,  
212 2017, and each succeeding fiscal year, any facility that would have been  
213 issued a lower rate, due to interim rate status, a change in allowable fair

214 rent or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate.  
215 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, rates shall  
216 not exceed those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2017, except the  
217 rate paid to a facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for  
218 the period ending June 30, 2017, if a capital improvement approved by  
219 the Department of Developmental Services, in consultation with the  
220 Department of Social Services, for the health or safety of the residents  
221 was made to the facility during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or  
222 June 30, 2019, only to the extent such rate increases are within available  
223 appropriations. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30,  
224 2021, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year ending June  
225 30, 2019, except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the rate  
226 paid to the facility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, if a capital  
227 improvement approved by the Department of Developmental Services,  
228 in consultation with the Department of Social Services, for the health or  
229 safety of the residents was made to the facility during the fiscal year  
230 ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, only to the extent such rate  
231 increases are within available appropriations. For the fiscal year ending  
232 June 30, 2022, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal year  
233 ending June 30, 2021, except the commissioner may, in the  
234 commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations, provide  
235 pro rata fair rent increases to facilities that have documented fair rent  
236 additions placed in service in the cost report year ending September 30,  
237 2020, that are not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal year  
238 ending June 30, 2023, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the fiscal  
239 year ending June 30, 2022, except the commissioner may, in the  
240 commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations, provide  
241 pro rata fair rent increases to facilities which have documented fair rent  
242 additions placed in service in the cost report year ending September 30,  
243 2021, that are not otherwise included in rates issued. For the fiscal years  
244 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, a facility may receive a rate  
245 increase for a capital improvement approved by the Department of  
246 Developmental Services, in consultation with the Department of Social  
247 Services, for the health or safety of the residents during the fiscal year

248 ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, only to the extent such rate  
249 increases are within available appropriations. There shall be no increase  
250 to rates based on inflation or any inflationary factor for the fiscal years  
251 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Notwithstanding any other  
252 provisions of this chapter, any subsequent increase to allowable  
253 operating costs, excluding fair rent, shall be inflated by the gross  
254 domestic product deflator when funding is specifically appropriated for  
255 such purposes in the enacted budget. The rate of inflation shall be  
256 computed by comparing the most recent rate year to the average of the  
257 gross domestic product deflator for the previous four fiscal quarters  
258 ending March thirty-first. Any increase to rates based on inflation shall  
259 be applied prior to the application of any other budget adjustment  
260 factors that may impact such rates. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
261 2024, the department shall determine facility rates based upon 2022 cost  
262 report filings subject to the provisions of this section, adjusted to reflect  
263 any rate increases provided after the cost report year ending June 30,  
264 2022, and with the addition of a two per cent adjustment factor. No  
265 facility shall receive a rate less than the rate in effect for the fiscal year  
266 ending June 30, 2023. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
267 minimum per diem, per bed rate shall remain at five hundred one  
268 dollars for a residential facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 and  
269 certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an  
270 intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability.  
271 There shall be no increase to rates based on any inflationary factor for  
272 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
273 2024, and each subsequent fiscal year, the commissioner may, in the  
274 commissioner's discretion and within available appropriations, provide  
275 pro rata fair rent increases to facilities that have documented fair rent  
276 additions placed in service in the cost report years that are not otherwise  
277 included in rates issued. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
278 department shall determine facility rates based upon 2023 cost report  
279 filings subject to the provisions of this section, adjusted to reflect any  
280 rate increases provided after the cost report ending June 30, 2023. A  
281 facility may receive a rate that is less than the rate in effect for the fiscal

282 year ending June 30, 2024, but shall not receive a rate less than the  
283 minimum per diem, per bed rate. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
284 2025, the minimum per diem, per bed rate shall remain at five hundred  
285 one dollars for a residential facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227  
286 and certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an  
287 intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability.  
288 There shall be no increase to rates based on any inflationary factor for  
289 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
290 2026, the department shall determine facility rates based upon 2024 cost  
291 report filings subject to the provisions of this section, adjusted to reflect  
292 any rate increases provided after the cost report ending June 30, 2024.  
293 Additionally, the facility shall receive a rate that is one and four-tenths  
294 per cent greater than the calculated rate, except that any facility that  
295 would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2025, due to interim  
296 rate status, or agreement with the department, shall be issued such  
297 lower rate effective July 1, 2025. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
298 there shall be no minimum per diem, per bed rate for a residential  
299 facility licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 and certified to participate  
300 in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an intermediate care facility for  
301 individuals with intellectual disability. There shall be no increase to  
302 rates based on any inflationary factor for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
303 2026. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each facility shall receive  
304 a rate that is [two] five and eight-tenths per cent greater than the rate in  
305 effect for the period ending June 30, 2026, except that any facility that  
306 would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2026, than the rate  
307 for the period ending June 30, 2027, due to interim rate status, or  
308 agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective  
309 July 1, 2026. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028, each facility shall  
310 receive a rate that is [three] six and three-tenths per cent greater than the  
311 rate in effect for the period ending June 30, 2027, except that any facility  
312 that would have been issued a lower rate effective July 1, 2027, than the  
313 rate for the period ending June 30, 2027, due to interim rate status, or  
314 agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate effective  
315 July 1, 2027. Effective January 1, 2028, each facility shall receive a rate

316 that is [three] six and three-tenths per cent greater than the rate in effect  
317 for the period ending December 31, 2027, except that any facility that  
318 would have been issued a lower rate effective January 1, 2028, than the  
319 rate for the period ending December 31, 2027, due to interim rate status,  
320 or agreement with the department, shall be issued such lower rate  
321 effective January 1, 2028. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and  
322 June 30, 2025, a facility may receive a rate increase for a capital  
323 improvement approved by the Department of Developmental Services,  
324 in consultation with the Department of Social Services, for the health or  
325 safety of the residents during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or  
326 June 30, 2025, only to the extent such rate increases are within available  
327 appropriations. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, and June 30,  
328 2027, a facility may receive a rate increase for a capital improvement  
329 approved by the Department of Developmental Services, in consultation  
330 with the Department of Social Services, for the health or safety of the  
331 residents during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027,  
332 only to the extent such rate increases are within available  
333 appropriations. Any facility that has a significant decrease in land and  
334 building costs shall receive a reduced rate to reflect such decrease in  
335 land and building costs. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, June  
336 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, June  
337 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, June  
338 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027,  
339 the Commissioner of Social Services may provide fair rent increases to  
340 any facility that has undergone a material change in circumstances  
341 related to fair rent and has an approved certificate of need pursuant to  
342 section 17b-352, 17b-353, 17b-354 or 17b-355. The Department of Social  
343 Services shall amend the regulations of Connecticut state agencies to  
344 allow for the waiver of the separate inflation cost limitation on direct  
345 care costs when rebasing rates for intermediate care facilities for  
346 individuals with intellectual disabilities after the fiscal year ending June  
347 30, 2027. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the  
348 Commissioner of Social Services may, within available appropriations,  
349 increase or decrease rates issued to intermediate care facilities for

350 individuals with intellectual disabilities to reflect a reduction in  
351 available appropriations as provided in subsection (a) of this section.  
352 For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the  
353 commissioner shall not consider rebasing in determining rates.  
354 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, effective July 1, 2021,  
355 and July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall, within available  
356 appropriations, increase rates for the purpose of wage and benefit  
357 enhancements for employees of intermediate care facilities. Facilities  
358 that receive a rate adjustment for the purpose of wage and benefit  
359 enhancements but do not provide increases in employee salaries as  
360 described in this subsection on or before July 31, 2021, and July 31, 2022,  
361 respectively, may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount as the  
362 adjustment by the commissioner.

363 Sec. 5. Section 332 of public act 25-168 is repealed and the following  
364 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

365 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17b-340d of the general  
366 statutes, the Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
367 appropriations, increase nursing home facility rates to support wage  
368 increases for [nursing] licensed nurses engaged solely in direct patient  
369 care services and supports and not employed in administrative  
370 functions, nurse's aide, dietary, housekeeping, laundry and  
371 maintenance and plant operation personnel of three per cent effective  
372 July 1, 2025, three per cent effective July 1, 2026, and four per cent  
373 effective January 1, 2027. Facilities that receive a rate adjustment for  
374 wage enhancements for employees but do not provide such  
375 enhancements may be subject to a rate decrease in the same amount as  
376 the adjustment.

377 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
378 Services may periodically review available data on the clinical  
379 effectiveness of outpatient prescription drugs covered under the  
380 Medicaid program that are projected to exceed (1) a net cost per  
381 consumer, after factoring in rebates, of twenty-five thousand dollars per

382 year, or (2) an annual aggregate cost, after factoring in rebates, to the  
383 medical assistance program of ten million dollars. The commissioner  
384 may, within available appropriations, contract with a third party to  
385 conduct a comparative effectiveness review of any such prescription  
386 drug. For purposes of this section, "rebate" means an amount sent to the  
387 state by a prescription drug manufacturer to offset the cost of outpatient  
388 prescription drugs covered by the Medicaid program.

389 (b) Any such comparative effectiveness review shall include, but  
390 need not be limited to: (1) Clinical efficacy and outcomes; (2)  
391 information relating to the pricing of the prescription drug, including,  
392 but not limited to, information relating to prices paid by other states or  
393 developed nations; (3) the prescription drug's net price to the Medicaid  
394 program as compared to its therapeutic benefits, including, but not  
395 limited to, the seriousness and prevalence of the disease or condition  
396 that is treated by the prescription drug; (4) the extent of utilization of the  
397 prescription drug; (5) the likelihood that the use of the prescription drug  
398 will reduce the need for other medical care; (6) the number of  
399 manufacturers that produce the prescription drug; and (7) whether  
400 there are pharmaceutical equivalents of the prescription drug.

401 (c) The results of any comparative effectiveness review may be made  
402 public and shared with any entity or any multistate prescription drug  
403 purchasing collaborative of which Connecticut is a member state to help  
404 negotiate additional supplemental rebate agreements beyond any  
405 rebates required under federal law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17b-191(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17b-274d(f)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	17b-597
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17b-340(h)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	PA 25-168, Sec. 332
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

 Section 1 | *July 1, 2026* | 17b-191(b) || Sec. 2 | *July 1, 2026* | 17b-274d(f) |
Sec. 3	*from passage*	17b-597
Sec. 4	*July 1, 2026*	17b-340(h)(1)
Sec. 5	*from passage*	PA 25-168, Sec. 332
Sec. 6	*July 1, 2026*	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*