



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING TO
IMPROVE CERTAIN STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section,
2 "elderly tenants" means tenants sixty-two years of age or older and
3 "younger tenants with disabilities" means tenants who are not yet
4 sixty-two years of age and who have been certified by the Social
5 Security Board as being totally disabled under the Social Security Act,
6 or certified by any other federal board or agency as being totally
7 disabled. The Commissioner of Housing shall establish a pilot program
8 to implement the recommendations of the Department of Housing and
9 the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, pursuant to special acts 17-19
10 and 18-12, to improve certain state-funded housing projects that
11 provide services to both elderly tenants and younger tenants with
12 disabilities.

13 (b) Not later than August 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Housing, in
14 consultation with the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of
15 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
16 housing, shall designate three specific buildings within three state-
17 funded housing projects that provide services to elderly tenants and
18 younger tenants with disabilities to participate in the pilot program.
19 The selection of buildings shall consist of one small building
20 containing not more than forty units; one medium-sized building

21 containing not less than forty-one units and not more than eighty
22 units; and one large building containing not less than eighty-one and
23 not more than two hundred units.

24 (c) Not later than October 1, 2019, each housing authority
25 participating in the program shall agree to implement the following
26 measures in the building within the authority's housing project that
27 was designated under subsection (b) of this section for a period of one
28 calendar year:

29 (1) A social coordinator shall be on site for at least four hours a day
30 for two days per week. The social coordinator shall develop, organize
31 and implement social activities for both the population of elderly
32 tenants and the population of younger tenants with disabilities, either
33 separately or collectively.

34 (2) A resident service coordinator shall be on site for at least four
35 hours a day for two days per week. In addition to implementing
36 existing programs that benefit the population of younger tenants with
37 disabilities, the resident service coordinator shall develop an assistance
38 component for the elderly tenant population, in order to address the
39 needs of both the elderly tenants and the younger tenants with
40 disabilities.

41 (3) A security officer, if one is not already present, shall be on site
42 for at least eight hours per day to assist residents and monitor security.

43 (d) The costs for implementing the pilot program shall be shared
44 between the Departments of Housing, Mental Health and Addiction
45 Services and Social Services. Not later than January 11, 2021, the
46 Department of Housing shall submit a report, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to housing. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, an
50 evaluation of the results of the pilot program and any findings and
51 recommendations with regard to future implementation of similar

52 programs in comparable housing projects.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a) "42 USC 1320d" was removed from accuracy and Section 1(c) was reworded for clarity.

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*