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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-STATE USE OF ELECTRONIC
BENEFIT TRANSFER CARDS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "electronic benefit transfer card" or "EBT card" means a card
3 that provides a holder with electronic access to cash assistance and
4 child support benefits administered by the Department of Social
5 Services, and (2) "cash assistance" means temporary family assistance,
6 state-administered general assistance, state supplemental assistance,
7 the supplemental nutrition assistance program and refugee assistance,
8 administered pursuant to the Refugee Act of 1980.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible
10 under federal law, shall restrict out-of-state use of EBT cards to ensure
11 that no EBT card holder may permanently move out of state and
12 maintain access to benefits. The commissioner shall notify an EBT card
13 holder that continuous use of an EBT card for more than thirty days in
14 any quarter out of state shall give rise to a presumption that the holder
15 has moved out of state and may lead to a loss of benefits following the

16 opportunity for a hearing held in accordance with sections 17b-60 and
17 17b-61 of the general statutes. To the extent permissible under federal
18 law, the commissioner may allow out-of-state access to supplemental
19 nutritional assistance and refugee assistance benefits.

20 (c) Not later than July 15, 2020, the commissioner shall report, in
21 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
22 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
23 cognizance of matters relating to human services on the number of
24 times access to such cards was terminated in the previous fiscal year
25 due to a determination that the holder had moved out of state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the potential for fraudulent use of electronic benefit transfer cards by persons who have moved out of state.

[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.]