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CONNECTICUT BILL TEXT

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

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Human Services Committee

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

**TEXT:**

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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:

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

(b) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible under federal law, shall restrict out-of-state use of EBT cards to ensure that no EBT card holder may permanently move out of state and maintain access to benefits. The commissioner shall notify an EBT card holder that continuous use of an EBT card for more than thirty days in any quarter out of state shall give rise to a presumption that the holder has moved out of state and may lead to a loss of benefits following the opportunity for a hearing held in accordance with sections 17b-60 and 17b-61 of the general statutes. To the extent permissible under federal law, the commissioner may allow out-of-state access to supplemental nutritional assistance and refugee assistance benefits.

(c) Not later than July 15, 2020, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human

services on the number of times access to such cards was terminated in the previous fiscal year 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 October 1, 2019 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.]

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