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"AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established a
4 two-generational school readiness and workforce development pilot
5 program. The pilot program shall operate for two years and shall
6 foster family economic self-sufficiency in low-income households by
7 delivering academic and job readiness support services across two
8 generations in the same household. The pilot program shall be located
9 in five communities and include not less than one community with
10 fewer than fifty thousand persons that is served by a regional social
11 services provider. The five pilot sites shall work together as a learning
12 community, informed by technical assistance in best practices.

13 (b) The two-generational school readiness and workforce
14 development pilot program shall serve as a blueprint for a state-wide,
15 two-generational school readiness and workforce development model
16 and may include opportunities for statewide learning, in addition to
17 the five pilot sites, in two generational system building and policy
18 development. The pilot program shall be funded by state and available
19 private moneys and shall include:

20 (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,
21 job training, transportation, financial literacy and other related support
22 services offered at one location, wherever possible;

23 (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational
24 model for the delivery of the services described in subdivision (1) of
25 this subsection on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but not
26 be limited to, (A) the targeted use of Temporary Assistance for Needy
27 Families (TANF) funds, to the extent permissible under federal law, to
28 support two-generational programming, and (B) state grant incentives
29 for private entities that develop such two-generational programming;

30 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic
31 organizations, as available, to assist the pilot sites and interagency
32 working group established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section
33 with technical assistance in the phase-in and design of model two-
34 generational programs and practices, an evaluation plan, state-wide
35 replication and implementation of the program; and

36 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and
37 households in each community and help coordinate the two-
38 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and
39 households.

40 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency working group
41 that shall include, but not be limited to, the Commissioners of Social
42 Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation, Public
43 Health and Correction, or each commissioner's designee; the Labor

44 Commissioner, or the Labor Commissioner's designee; the Chief Court
45 Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; the
46 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
47 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
48 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or their
49 designees; representatives of nonprofit and philanthropic
50 organizations and scholars who are experts in two-generational
51 programs and policies; and other business and academic professionals
52 as needed to achieve goals for two-generational systems planning,
53 evaluations and outcomes. The staff of the Commission on Children
54 shall serve as the organizing and administrative staff of the working
55 group.

56 (d) The interagency working group may contract with a private or
57 quasi-public organization to serve as a fiduciary for the program.
58 Coordinators of two-generational programs in each community in the
59 pilot program and any organization serving as a fiduciary for the
60 program shall report on a quarterly basis to the interagency working
61 group.

62 (e) Not later than January 1, 2017, the interagency working group
63 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
64 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
65 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
66 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies that
67 details: (1) The number of families served in the program; (2) the
68 number of adults who have obtained jobs since receiving services from
69 the program; (3) the number of children who have improved
70 academically, including, but not limited to, (A) achievement band
71 increases, and (B) improvements in reading comprehension and math
72 literacy; (4) the number of adults who have received job training,
73 completed job training, enrolled in educational courses and obtained
74 educational certificates or degrees; (5) the cost of the program in both
75 state and private dollars; and (6) recommendations to expand the
76 program to additional communities state-wide."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section