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Substitute House Bill No. 5115

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. ELLIOTT of the 88th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE CENTERS ON OR NEAR EACH CAMPUS OF THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section, "child care
2 center" means a facility that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood
3 as a child care center or a group child care home, both as defined in
4 section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

5 (b) The Office of Early Childhood and the Board of Regents for
6 Higher Education shall jointly develop a plan to increase the number of
7 child care centers on or near each campus of the regional community-
8 technical colleges and state universities with the goals of (1) providing
9 quality child care services for the staff, students and surrounding
10 community of each campus, (2) addressing the child care needs of
11 nontraditional students, and (3) fostering relationships between such

12 colleges and universities and their surrounding communities. Such plan
13 shall include, but need not be limited to, the development, expansion
14 and maintenance of child care centers that (A) are utilized by an early
15 childhood education program for instructional purposes, or (B) provide
16 evening and weekend child care services in accordance with college or
17 university course schedules.

18 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Office of Early Childhood and
19 the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall jointly submit, in
20 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
21 the plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to the joint
22 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
23 matters relating to higher education and appropriations and the
24 budgets of state agencies. Such plan shall include an estimated budget
25 and implementation timeline for the development of additional child
26 care centers.

27 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes described in
28 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the
29 power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state
30 in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the
31 aggregate twenty million dollars.

32 (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount
33 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Board of
34 Regents for Higher Education for the purpose of constructing,
35 improving or equipping child care centers, including, but not limited to,
36 payment of associated costs for architectural, engineering or demolition
37 services, in accordance with the plan developed pursuant to section 1 of
38 this act.

39 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise
40 of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the
41 provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all
42 bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this
43 section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived
44 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in

45 accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to
 46 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
 47 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
 48 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
 49 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be
 50 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
 51 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed
 52 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
 53 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its
 54 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall
 55 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state
 56 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and
 57 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as
 58 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds,
 59 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such
 60 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay
 61 such principal and interest as the same become due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(3), "or university" was changed to "and university" and "or university" was added in Subpara. (B) for clarity.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	Out Years \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Cost	See Below	28.6 million total

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill authorizes \$20 million in General Obligation bonding for child care building costs, to be administered by the Board of Regents (BOR). To the extent bonds are fully allocated and expended, total debt service is expected to be approximately \$28.6 million over the 20-year duration of the bonds. Additionally, the Office of Early Childhood and BOR must develop and submit a child care center expansion plan, which has no fiscal impact as the agencies have sufficient expertise to create the plan.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the terms of any bonds issued.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 8 (03/17/2022)