



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Raised Bill No. 408

LCO No. 3043



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS CHILD CARE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) Not later than January 1,
2 2023, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in
3 consultation with the Office of Early Childhood and the Connecticut
4 Health and Educational Facilities Authority, shall develop and
5 implement a small business child care incentive program to promote the
6 expansion of existing child care centers and the development of new
7 child care centers in the state. Such program may include, but need not
8 be limited to, (1) grants or loans to assist with the costs of such expansion
9 or with start-up costs for such development, and (2) expedited state and
10 local licensure and permitting processes for child care centers. Not later
11 than February 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
12 Development shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
13 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding such program to the joint
14 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
15 matters relating to commerce.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2022</i> | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood and the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, to develop and implement a small business child care incentive program to promote the expansion of existing child care centers and the development of new child care centers in the 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.]