



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5858

House of Representatives, April 6, 2023

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PROGRAM
FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall conduct a
2 study regarding the establishment of a flexible spending account
3 program for residents of the state to use for costs incurred relating to
4 child care. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, the
5 feasibility of administering such program in a manner similar to the
6 dependent care spending account program for state employees
7 established under sections 5-264b and 5-264c of the general statutes. The
8 Comptroller shall submit such study, in accordance with the provisions
9 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
10 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
11 and public employees not later than January 1, 2024.

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

LAB *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact because the program would violate U.S. Code 129¹.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Sources: Office of the State Comptroller
Legal Information Institute <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/26/129>

¹ Section 129 of the U.S. Code specifies that Dependent Care Assistance Programs are eligible to employees who qualify under a classification set up by their employer. Thus, the State of Connecticut cannot set up a program for residents that are not employed by the State.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 1 (03/21/2023)