



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 681**

January Session, 2023

House Bill No. 6896

*House of Representatives, May 2, 2023*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Early  
2 Childhood shall conduct a study of early childhood issues, including,  
3 but not limited to: (1) The adequacy of child care facilities to meet the  
4 needs of families in the state; (2) child care facility staffing and the  
5 compensation rate of staff; and (3) whether the needs of young children  
6 are being met by the services offered at child care facilities in the state.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall report, in  
8 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
9 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
10 cognizance of matters relating to children and appropriations and the  
11 budgets of state agencies on the results of the study described in  
12 subsection (a) of this section.

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

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Office of Early Childhood to conduct a study of early childhood issues which results in no fiscal impact because the department already has the resources and expertise to do so.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OFA Bill Analysis****HB 6896*****AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to conduct a study of childhood issues, including, but not limited to: (1) The adequacy of child care facilities to meet the needs of families in the state; (2) child care facility staffing and the compensation rate of staff; and (3) whether the needs of young children are being met by the services offered at child care facilities in the state.

The bill also requires OEC to report their findings to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters related to childhood and appropriations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39      Nay 13