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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Each employee of an early
2 childhood care and education program shall be paid an annual salary as
3 prescribed in the compensation schedule developed pursuant to section
4 10-531 of the general statutes except if such employee's salary is greater
5 than the amount prescribed in such compensation schedule, then such
6 employee shall be paid such greater amount. As used in this section,
7 "early childhood care and education program" means (1) a child care
8 center or group child care home, as those terms are described in section
9 19a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (2) a private
10 preschool program, school readiness program, as defined in section 10-
11 16p of the general statutes, or program pursuant to section 8-210 of the
12 general statutes, or (3) any child care services provider or school
13 readiness program that (A) accepts state funds for infant, toddler or
14 preschool spaces associated with such program, (B) is not required to be
15 licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the general
16 statutes, as amended by this act, and (C) is located in a public school
17 building but is not administered by a public school system.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
20 *2023*):

21 (d) [Not later than July 1, 2015, an] An applicant determined to be
22 eligible for program benefits by the Commissioner of Early Childhood
23 shall remain eligible for such benefits for a period prescribed by federal
24 law, [except any applicant determined to be eligible for program
25 benefits by the commissioner under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1)
26 of subsection (a) of this section shall only be eligible for and receive such
27 benefits upon the availability of federal funds received pursuant to
28 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act,
29 P.L. 116-260, as amended from time to time, or the American Rescue
30 Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, and
31 designated by the commissioner for such benefits.]

32 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes is
33 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
34 *2023*):

35 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child care services shall not
36 include such services which are:

37 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered
38 by a municipal agency or department;

39 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with
40 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is
41 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
42 Education, provided the provision of such child care services by the
43 private school is only to those children whose ages are covered under
44 such approval or accreditation;

45 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than two
46 hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer than
47 two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two hours
48 in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports activities;

49 rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs exclusively for
50 children thirteen years of age or older;

51 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal
52 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the relative
53 is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood, marriage
54 or court order to the child being cared for: Grandparent, great-
55 grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle;

56 (5) Supplementary child care operations for educational or
57 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently
58 where the parents are on the premises;

59 (6) Supplementary child care operations in retail establishments
60 where the parents remain in the same store as the child for retail
61 shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care operation
62 does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child care center;

63 (7) Administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls' club that
64 are exclusively for school-age children;

65 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious
66 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians are
67 members of such religious institution;

68 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based nonprofit
69 youth development and environmental education organization;

70 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with the
71 Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that
72 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of
73 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive;

74 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-
75 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school-age children;

76 (12) Administered by Organized Parents Make a Difference, Inc., a
77 Hartford-based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school-age

78 children; [or]

79 (13) Administered by Leadership, Education and Athletics in
 80 Partnership, Inc., a New Haven-based nonprofit youth development
 81 organization; or

82 (14) Administered by Stamford Police Activities League, Inc., a
 83 Stamford-based nonprofit youth activities organization.

84 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any provider of child care
 85 services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, as
 86 amended by this act, licensed by the Office of Early Childhood, that
 87 maintains a supply of epinephrine cartridge injectors pursuant to
 88 section 19a-909 of the general statutes, may administer such epinephrine
 89 for the purpose of emergency first aid to a child in the care of such
 90 provider who experiences an allergic reaction and does not have a prior
 91 written authorization of a parent or guardian or a prior written order of
 92 a qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine,
 93 provided the person administering such epinephrine is a person with
 94 training, as defined in section 19a-909 of the general statutes. The parent
 95 or guardian of a child may submit, in writing, to such child's provider
 96 of child care services, that epinephrine shall not be administered to such
 97 child pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-749(d)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	19a-77(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require school readiness programs and child care providers to implement the early childhood educator compensation schedule proposed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, (2) remove contingencies on the eligibility of students and participants in job training and apprenticeship programs for the child care subsidy program, (3) exempt the Stamford Police Activities League from child

care licensing requirements, and (4) allow child care centers to administer epinephrine in emergency situations.

[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.]