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Proposed Bill No. 893

LCO No. 2777



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH-QUALITY AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.***

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) reduce the cost burden to
- 2 Connecticut's parents and address Connecticut's workforce shortage by
- 3 increasing access to high-quality child care and education, (2) support
- 4 children's optimal social, emotional, cognitive and physical
- 5 development through the provision of high-quality early care and
- 6 learning opportunities, (3) ensure a quality early care workforce by
- 7 raising compensation for early educators to create parity with similarly
- 8 credentialed public school educators, (4) address issues related to the
- 9 reduction in federal funding for subsidized care by expanding

- 10 programs, and (5) create a multiyear comprehensive plan to expand
11 child care capacity and make child care more affordable for families.

Statement of Purpose:

To address issues relating to early childhood care in the state.