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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-511 of the 2024 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 [The Comptroller shall establish] (a) There is established the Early  
7 Childhood Care and Education Fund. Said fund may contain any  
8 moneys required or permitted by law to be deposited in the fund and  
9 [any funds received from any public or private contributions, gifts,  
10 grants, donations, bequests or devises to the fund.] shall receive and  
11 hold all payments and deposits for contributions intended for said fund,  
12 as well as gifts, bequests, endowments or federal, state or local grants  
13 and any other funds from any public or private source and all earnings  
14 until disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

15     (b) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall not constitute property  
16 of the state and said fund shall not be construed to be a department,  
17 institution or agency of the state. Amounts on deposit in said fund shall  
18 not be commingled with state funds and the state shall have no claim to  
19 or against, or any interest in, such deposits. Any contract entered into  
20 by or any obligation of said fund shall not constitute a debt or obligation  
21 of the state and the state shall have no obligation to any person on  
22 account of said fund and all amounts obligated to be paid from said  
23 fund shall be limited to amounts available for such obligation on deposit  
24 in said fund. Said fund shall continue in existence as long as it holds any  
25 deposits or has any obligations and until its existence is terminated by  
26 law.

27     (c) The Treasurer shall invest the amounts on deposit in said fund in  
28 a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of said  
29 fund, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent person in similar  
30 circumstances with similar objectives. The Treasurer shall give due  
31 consideration to rate of return, risk, term or maturity, diversification of  
32 the total portfolio within said fund, liquidity, the projected  
33 disbursements and expenditures and the expected payments, deposits,  
34 contributions and gifts to be received. The Treasurer shall not require  
35 said fund to invest directly in obligations of the state or any political  
36 subdivision of the state or in any investment or other fund administered  
37 by the Treasurer. The assets of said fund shall be continuously invested  
38 and reinvested in a manner consistent with the objectives of said fund  
39 until disbursed by the Comptroller in accordance with the provisions of  
40 this section.

41     (d) The Treasurer, on behalf of said fund and for purposes of said  
42 fund, may:

43     (1) Receive and invest moneys in said fund in any instruments,  
44 obligations, securities or property in accordance with this section;

45     (2) Enter into one or more contractual agreements, including  
46 contracts for legal, actuarial, accounting, custodial, advisory,

47 management, administrative, advertising, marketing and consulting  
48 services for said fund and pay for such services from the assets of said  
49 fund;

50 (3) Procure insurance in connection with said fund's property, assets,  
51 activities or deposits to said fund;

52 (4) Apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from public or  
53 private sources to enable said fund to carry out its objectives;

54 (5) Adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 for purposes of  
55 this section;

56 (6) Sue and be sued;

57 (7) Establish one or more accounts within said fund; and

58 (8) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
59 section and incidental to the duties imposed on the Treasurer pursuant  
60 to this section.

61 (e) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall be used for the  
62 purposes of supporting early childhood education in, and child care  
63 needs of, the state and shall not be expended for any other purpose.

64 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) There is established the  
65 Early Childhood Care and Education Fund Advisory Commission,  
66 which shall be part of the Legislative Department. The commission shall  
67 review and report on the financial health and status of the Early  
68 Education Childhood Fund, submit and update a five-year plan to the  
69 General Assembly on expenditures from said fund that would best  
70 support early childhood education in, and child care needs of, the state  
71 and make recommendations for legislative changes to further the  
72 purposes of said fund.

73 (2) The commission shall consist of the following members:

74 (A) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

75 (i) one of whom shall be a parent who is a member of the parent cabinet  
76 established by the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to section 10-500  
77 of the general statutes, and (ii) one of whom shall be an early childhood  
78 teacher;

79 (B) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (i) one  
80 of whom shall be an operator or a representative of a home-based child  
81 care services provider in the state, and (ii) one of whom shall be the  
82 parent of a child receiving services under the birth-to-three program  
83 established under section 17a-248b of the general statutes;

84 (C) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
85 Representatives, (i) one of whom shall be a representative of an early  
86 childhood education program operator in the state, and (ii) one of whom  
87 shall be a representative of a family resource center described under  
88 section 10-4o of the general statutes and who is a member of the Early  
89 Childhood Cabinet established pursuant to section 10-16z of the general  
90 statutes;

91 (D) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (i) one of  
92 whom shall be a representative of a philanthropic organization that is  
93 (I) engaged in early childhood education issues or child care issues in  
94 the state, and (II) a member of the Early Childhood Funder  
95 Collaborative, and (ii) one of whom shall be a representative of the  
96 Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Office within the Office of  
97 Early Childhood and who is a member of the Early Childhood Cabinet  
98 established pursuant to section 10-16z of the general statutes;

99 (E) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
100 Representatives, (i) one of whom shall be a representative of a non-  
101 home-based child care services provider in the state, and (ii) one of  
102 whom shall be a representative of the Office of Early Childhood and  
103 who administers the Childhood Care and Development Fund and who  
104 is a member of the Early Childhood Cabinet established pursuant to  
105 section 10-16z of the general statutes;

106 (F) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, (i) one of

107 whom shall be a representative of a corporation with a significant  
108 physical presence in the state and that employs individuals who may  
109 benefit from early childhood education and state child care initiatives,  
110 and (ii) one of whom shall be a representative of the Office of Early  
111 Childhood and who administers Part C of the Individuals with  
112 Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1431 et. seq., as amended from time  
113 to time;

114 (G) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
115 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
116 relating to finance, revenue and bonding;

117 (H) One member of the General Assembly appointed by the speaker  
118 of the House of Representatives and one member of the General  
119 Assembly appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

120 (I) The commissioners of Early Childhood and Education, or their  
121 designees;

122 (J) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
123 secretary's designee;

124 (K) The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and

125 (L) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee.

126 (3) Each appointed member shall serve in accordance with the  
127 provisions of section 4-1a of the general statutes and the appointing  
128 authorities shall appoint members to ensure representation on the  
129 commission of all geographic areas in the state, to the extent practicable.

130 (4) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
131 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,  
132 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff of the  
133 commission.

134 (5) The members appointed under subparagraph (H) of subdivision  
135 (2) of this subsection and the Comptroller shall serve as the chairpersons

136 of the commission. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of  
137 the commission, which shall be held not later than ninety days after the  
138 effective date of this section. The commission shall meet as often as  
139 deemed necessary by the chairpersons or a majority of the commission.  
140 Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings  
141 or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any  
142 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission.

143 (6) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any  
144 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the  
145 balance of the unexpired term.

146 (7) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the  
147 transaction of any business.

148 (8) (A) The members of the commission shall serve without  
149 compensation, but shall, within the limits of available funds, be  
150 reimbursed for travel expenses necessarily incurred in travelling to and  
151 from a commission meeting, except that the following members shall be  
152 eligible, within the limit of available funds, for a stipend of twenty-five  
153 dollars for each hour or portion thereof that such member attends a  
154 commission meeting:

155 (i) The parent member of the parent cabinet established by the Office  
156 of Early Childhood and the parent of a child receiving services under  
157 the birth-to-three program;

158 (ii) The early childhood teacher;

159 (iii) The representative of an early childhood education program  
160 operator, provided such representative is an employee of such program  
161 operator and is compensated by such program operator on an hourly  
162 basis;

163 (iv) The representative of a non-home-based child care services  
164 provider, provided such representative is an employee of such provider  
165 and is compensated by such provider on an hourly basis; and

166 (v) The operator or representative of a home-based child care services  
167 provider, provided such representative is an employee of such provider.

168 (B) The time spent by a member under subparagraph (A)(i) to (A)(v),  
169 inclusive, of this subdivision to travel to and from such meeting shall  
170 not be counted for purposes of calculating the stipend under this  
171 subdivision.

172 (C) Each member seeking the travel expenses or stipend under this  
173 subdivision shall submit a request to the executive director of the Office  
174 of Legislative Management, in such form and manner as prescribed by  
175 said director, and shall provide any documentation required by said  
176 director to substantiate the requested amount.

177 (b) The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

178 (1) Review and monitor the Early Childhood Care and Education  
179 Fund to assess its financial sustainability;

180 (2) Obtain from any executive department, board, commission or  
181 other agency of the state such assistance and data as necessary and  
182 available to carry out the purposes of this section; and

183 (3) Perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to  
184 carry out the duties described in this section.

185 (c) The commission shall:

186 (1) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, submit a  
187 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
188 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
189 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
190 of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding, education and children,  
191 on the financial health and status of the Early Childhood Care and  
192 Education Fund, including, but not limited to, (A) the amounts on  
193 deposit in said fund, (B) disbursements made or expected to be made  
194 from said fund for the applicable fiscal year, (C) the rates of return on  
195 investments made by the Treasurer pursuant to subsection (c) of this

196 section, (D) a statement as to the sufficiency of the amounts on deposit  
197 in said fund to achieve the purposes of said fund, and (E) any  
198 recommendations for policy changes and amendments to the general  
199 statutes necessary to further the purposes of said fund;

200 (2) Not later than January 1, 2026, submit a five-year plan, in  
201 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
202 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
203 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state  
204 agencies, finance, revenue and bonding, education and children, of  
205 recommendations of expenditures from said fund that would best  
206 support early childhood education in, and child care needs of, the state.  
207 The commission shall, in developing such plan, consider reports on the  
208 state of (A) early childhood care and education in the state, and (B)  
209 kindergarten readiness in the state, as well as best practices in other  
210 states. The commission shall update such plan at least annually and  
211 submit such updated plan annually to said committees; and

212 (3) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, hold a  
213 public hearing annually on the state of the fund and of early childhood  
214 education and child care in the state.

215 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Office of Early Childhood  
216 shall, within available appropriations, establish a Tri-Share Child Care  
217 Matching Program serving New London County. Under such program,  
218 costs for child care provided by duly licensed child care facilities in the  
219 state shall be shared equally among participating employers, employees  
220 and the state.

221 (b) (1) The program shall be established for a minimum of two years  
222 and the office shall select a regional or state-wide organization as the  
223 administrator of the program. Such administrator shall (A) determine  
224 employers' and employees' eligibility for participation in the program,  
225 (B) ensure that child care facilities to which payments will be made  
226 under the program are licensed by the state, (C) collect and ensure  
227 timely payment from participating employers, participating employees



228 and the state, (D) disburse funds to the appropriate child care provider,  
229 (E) recruit employers to participate in the program, (F) coordinate  
230 adequate communication between all parties, and (G) collect and submit  
231 to the Office of Early Childhood data concerning participating  
232 employees, including, but not limited to, the annual household income  
233 of such employees, provided any such submitted data shall be  
234 deidentified.

235 (2) To be eligible to participate in the program:

236 (A) An employer shall have a physical facility located in New London  
237 County that is the principal workplace of its employees; and

238 (B) An employee shall (i) be employed by a participating employer,  
239 (ii) reside in the state, (iii) have as such employee's principal workplace  
240 a location in New London County, and (iv) not be receiving other public  
241 assistance for child care costs.

242 (c) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall enter into an  
243 agreement with such administrator to perform the duties described  
244 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. Such agreement  
245 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a provision that the  
246 administrator shall receive, for administrative costs of the program, up  
247 to ten per cent of the funds allocated by the state for the program, (2) a  
248 requirement that the administrator not commingle funds received for  
249 purposes of the program, other than funds for administrative costs  
250 allowed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, with other funds  
251 held or controlled by the administrator, (3) any restrictions or  
252 prohibitions on the disclosure of data received or collected by the  
253 administrator in the performance of its duties under subdivision (1) of  
254 subsection (b) of this section, and (4) penalties for violation of a  
255 provision of the agreement or of this section.

256 (d) Commencing with the fiscal year immediately following the first  
257 year of the program and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall  
258 submit to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
259 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state

260 agencies, finance, revenue and bonding, education and children, a  
261 report on the program. Such report shall include, but need not be limited  
262 to, (1) for the fiscal year immediately preceding, (A) the number of  
263 participating employers and participating employees, (B) the  
264 percentage of participating employees whose household incomes are  
265 below the asset limited, income constrained, employed population  
266 threshold, as calculated in the most recent ALICE report by the United  
267 Way of Connecticut, and (C) the amounts disbursed by the  
268 administrator for child care costs and the amounts retained by the  
269 administrator for administrative costs, and (2) any programmatic or  
270 legislative changes the commissioner recommends to improve the  
271 program or further its purposes.

272 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

273 (1) "Early childhood teacher" means an individual in a state-funded  
274 school readiness program or in a state-funded child care program, (A)  
275 who has primary responsibility for a classroom of children, (B) who is  
276 regularly scheduled in such capacity and has been employed in such  
277 capacity by such program for at least six months as of the time of  
278 submitting an application under subsection (c) of this section, and (C)  
279 whose duties in such capacity equal at least fifty per cent of the assigned  
280 time of such individual;

281 (2) "Teacher assistant" means an individual in a state-funded school  
282 readiness program or in a state-funded child care program, (A) whose  
283 primary duty is to assist an early childhood teacher in the provision of  
284 early childhood care or as part of a school readiness program, and (B)  
285 who is regularly scheduled in such capacity and has been employed in  
286 such capacity by such program for at least six months as of the time of  
287 submitting an application under subsection (c) of this section; and

288 (3) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided in  
289 section 10-16p of the general statutes.

290 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Office of Early  
291 Childhood shall establish and administer a wage supplement payment

292 program to provide a one-time payment of not less than one thousand  
293 eight hundred dollars to eligible early childhood teachers and teacher  
294 assistants, provided each eligible applicant receiving a payment under  
295 the program shall receive the same payment amount. Such payments  
296 shall be provided on a first-come first-served basis up to the amount  
297 made available for such payments pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
298 section.

299 (2) To the extent permissible under federal law, payments made  
300 under this section shall not be considered income or an asset for the  
301 purposes of determining eligibility for any state-administered public  
302 assistance program, including any HUSKY program described in  
303 section 17b-290 of the general statutes.

304 (c) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall determine (1) an  
305 application period for early childhood teachers and teacher assistants to  
306 apply to the Office of Early Childhood to register for a wage supplement  
307 payment, (2) the form and manner of such application, and (3) the form  
308 and manner of disseminating information about the program to best  
309 achieve the purposes of this section. The office shall review the  
310 applications submitted pursuant to this section and confirm the  
311 eligibility of the applicant to receive such payment. Not later than thirty  
312 days after the office receives an application, the office shall notify the  
313 applicant whether such applicant is approved for such payment and if  
314 such applicant is not approved, the office shall provide the reason or  
315 reasons why.

316 (d) The sum of nine million dollars of the amount appropriated in  
317 section 1 of public act 23-204 to the Office of Early Childhood, for Early  
318 Care and Education, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be  
319 made available for the wage supplement payments provided pursuant  
320 to this section.

321 (e) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Early  
322 Childhood shall submit to the joint standing committees of the General  
323 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

324 the budgets of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding, education  
325 and children, a report on the program. Such report shall include, but  
326 need not be limited to, (1) the number of early childhood teachers and  
327 the number of teacher assistants that submitted applications, (2) the  
328 number of such applicants who were approved for a wage supplement  
329 payment, (3) the amounts of the payments made to eligible early  
330 childhood teachers and to eligible teacher assistants and the total  
331 amount disbursed under the program, and (4) a recommendation of  
332 whether such program should be expanded or extended.

333 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 4b-21 of the general statutes is  
334 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
335 *2024*):

336 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from  
337 the secretary, the following agencies shall determine and notify the  
338 secretary in writing if the land, improvement or interest serves the  
339 following needs: (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
340 Development, whether it can be used or adapted for economic  
341 development or exchanged for property that can be used for economic  
342 development; (2) the Commissioner of Transportation, whether it can be  
343 used for transportation purposes; (3) the Commissioner of Energy and  
344 Environmental Protection, whether it can be used for open space  
345 purposes or to otherwise support the department's mission; (4) the  
346 Commissioner of Agriculture, whether it can be used for farming or  
347 agricultural purposes; (5) the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs,  
348 whether it can be used for veterans' housing; (6) the Commissioner of  
349 Children and Families, whether it can be used to support the  
350 department's mission; (7) the Commissioner of Developmental Services,  
351 whether it can be used to support the department's mission; (8) the  
352 Commissioner of Administrative Services, whether it can be used to  
353 house state agencies or can be leased; [and] (9) the Commissioner of  
354 Housing, whether it can be used as an emergency shelter or transitional  
355 living facility for homeless persons, or used for the construction,  
356 rehabilitation or renovation of housing for persons and families of low  
357 and moderate income; and (10) the Commissioner of Early Childhood,

358 whether it can be used for the provision of early childhood care and  
359 early childhood education programs. Not later than thirty days after  
360 receipt of such notification from the secretary, any state agency,  
361 department or institution that is interested in utilizing the land,  
362 improvement or interest shall submit a plan to the secretary that sets  
363 forth the proposed use for the land, improvement or interest and a  
364 budget and timetable for such use. If one or more agencies, departments  
365 or institutions submit a plan for such land, improvement or interest to  
366 the secretary within such thirty-day period, the secretary shall analyze  
367 such agency, department or institution plan or plans and determine  
368 whether custody and control of the land, improvement or interest shall  
369 be transferred to one of such agencies, departments or institutions, in  
370 which case the agency, department or institution having custody of the  
371 land, improvement or interest shall make such transfer.

372       Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than December 1, 2024,  
373 the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall, in consultation with a  
374 nonprofit organization providing entrepreneurial and financial  
375 education services to women, develop a document for distribution to  
376 each person, group of persons, association, organization, corporation,  
377 institution or agency licensed to maintain a child care center or group  
378 child care home pursuant to section 19a-80 of the general statutes or  
379 family child care home pursuant to section 19a-87b of the general  
380 statutes, explaining the benefits of maintaining liability insurance  
381 coverage for such center or home and the potential consequences that  
382 may result in the absence of such coverage. Not later than January 1,  
383 2025, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall distribute such  
384 document electronically to each such licensee.

385       Sec. 7. Section 10-514 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
386 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

387       (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Office of Early Childhood shall  
388 create a one-page document that (1) lists important developmental  
389 milestones experienced by children ages birth to five years, and (2)  
390 contains notice that any parent or guardian who is concerned that such

391 parent or guardian's child has not met one or more such developmental  
392 milestones may access the Office of Early Childhood Child  
393 Development Infoline for information concerning appropriate services.  
394 The office shall make such document available on its Internet web site.

395 (b) On and after [February 1, 2020] July 1, 2024, each operator of a  
396 child care center, group child care home or family child care home, as  
397 described in section 19a-77, other than those centers or homes that serve  
398 school-age children exclusively, shall post a copy of the document  
399 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in a conspicuous  
400 place on the premises of such child care center, group child care home  
401 or family child care home.

402 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the 2024 supplement to the  
403 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
404 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

405 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish and operate  
406 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability  
407 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker  
408 who (1) is (A) working or attending high school, or (B) subject to the  
409 provisions of subsection (d) of this section, is enrolled or participating  
410 in (i) a public or independent institution of higher education, (ii) a  
411 private career school authorized pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o,  
412 inclusive, (iii) a job training or employment program administered by a  
413 regional workforce development board, (iv) an apprenticeship program  
414 administered by the Labor Department's office of apprenticeship  
415 training, (v) an alternate route to certification program approved by the  
416 State Board of Education, (vi) an adult education program pursuant to  
417 section 10-69 or other high school equivalency program, or (vii) a local  
418 Even Start program or other adult education program approved by the  
419 Commissioner of Early Childhood; or (2) receives cash assistance under  
420 the temporary family assistance program from the Department of Social  
421 Services and is participating in an education, training or other job  
422 preparation activity approved pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-  
423 688i or subsection (b) of section 17b-689d. Services available under the

424 child care subsidy program shall include the provision of child care  
425 subsidies for children under the age of thirteen or children under the  
426 age of nineteen with special needs. The Commissioner of Early  
427 Childhood may institute a protective service class in which the  
428 commissioner may waive eligibility requirements for at-risk  
429 populations that meet the guidelines prescribed by the commissioner,  
430 and subject to review by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
431 Management. Such at-risk populations are children (A) placed in a  
432 foster home by the Department of Children and Families and for whom  
433 the parent or legal guardian receives foster care payments, (B) adopted  
434 [children for one year from the date of adoption and] through the  
435 Department of Children and Families, (C) who are homeless children  
436 and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a, as amended from time to time,  
437 and (D) under the care of a caregiver who is a recipient of subsidies  
438 under the subsidized guardianship program pursuant to section 17a-  
439 126. Any child described subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall be  
440 eligible for a subsidy under this section for a period not to exceed one  
441 year from the date of adoption and any child described in subparagraph  
442 (D) of this subdivision shall be eligible for a subsidy under this section  
443 for a period not to exceed one year from the date that such child is  
444 approved for a subsidy under this section. The Office of Early  
445 Childhood shall open and maintain enrollment for the child care  
446 subsidy program and shall administer such program within the existing  
447 budgetary resources available. The office shall issue a notice on the  
448 office's Internet web site any time the office closes the program to new  
449 applications, changes eligibility requirements, changes program  
450 benefits or makes any other change to the program's status or terms,  
451 except the office shall not be required to issue such notice when the  
452 office expands program eligibility. Any change in the office's acceptance  
453 of new applications, eligibility requirements, program benefits or any  
454 other change to the program's status or terms for which the office is  
455 required to give notice pursuant to this subsection, shall not be effective  
456 until thirty days after the office issues such notice.

457 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 17b-749 of the 2024 supplement to the

458 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
459 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

460 (h) [On or after July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall adopt regulations,  
461 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the  
462 provisions of this section] On and after July 1, 2024, the commissioner  
463 shall implement the provisions of 45 CFR 98, as amended from time to  
464 time, to administer the child care subsidy program. The commissioner  
465 shall develop policies and procedures necessary to implement the  
466 provisions of this section.

467 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:

468 (1) "Early intervention services" has the same meaning as provided in  
469 section 17a-248 of the general statutes; and

470 (2) "Individualized family service plan" has the same meaning as  
471 provided in section 17a-248 of the general statutes.

472 (b) A licensed child care center, group child care home or family child  
473 care home, as such terms are described in section 19a-77 of the general  
474 statutes, shall allow a child who has an individualized family service  
475 plan and is eligible for the birth-to-three program, established under  
476 section 17a-248b of the general statutes, to receive early intervention  
477 services at such child care center, group child care home or family child  
478 care home from the service provider designated in such individualized  
479 family service plan.

480 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Not later than October 1, 2024, the  
481 Secretary of the State shall update the official compilation of the  
482 regulations of Connecticut state agencies posted on the eRegulations  
483 System to comply with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general  
484 statutes and section 12 of this act.

485 Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
486 chapter 54 of the general statutes, sections 17b-749-01 to 17b-749-23,  
487 inclusive, of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies are repealed.



488        Sec. 13. Section 10-511a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
 489 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-511
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	4b-21(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-514
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-749(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-749(h)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section