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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD CARE SERVICES, EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PATIENTS RECEIVING PRENATAL CARE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
2 2026, the Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the  
3 Commissioner of Social Services, shall develop and administer a one-  
4 year pilot program to disseminate information concerning child care  
5 services, as defined in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, early  
6 intervention programs and financial assistance programs available to  
7 expectant mothers receiving prenatal care, as defined in section 19a-912  
8 of the general statutes, in hospitals in the state.

9 (b) In developing the pilot program, the Commissioner of Early  
10 Childhood shall develop (1) criteria for the selection of hospitals that  
11 provide prenatal care in geographically diverse areas of the state, with  
12 preference given to hospitals that serve a high proportion of low-income  
13 families and are located in areas where the availability of child care  
14 services does not meet the demand for such services, (2) requirements

15 for the dissemination of the documents compiled pursuant to subsection  
16 (c) of this section to patients receiving prenatal care, including, but not  
17 limited to, a requirement that such documents shall be provided during  
18 the first trimester of pregnancy whenever possible, and (3) a system for  
19 tracking and reporting the number of such documents provided to  
20 patients at each selected hospital each month.

21 (c) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall select five hospitals  
22 for participation in the pilot program using the criteria developed  
23 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and compile documents for  
24 dissemination to patients receiving prenatal care at each such hospital.  
25 Such documents shall be tailored to each individual hospital and  
26 contain the following information: (1) A list of all child care centers,  
27 group child care homes and family child care homes, as such terms are  
28 described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, located in the  
29 municipalities in which the majority of prenatal patients served by such  
30 hospital live, including contact information and Internet web site  
31 addresses, if available, for each such center and home; (2) a list of early  
32 intervention programs administered by the Office of Early Childhood,  
33 including descriptions of such programs and contact information and  
34 Internet web site addresses, if available, for each such program; and (3)  
35 information concerning financial assistance programs available to  
36 families, including instructions on how to apply to such programs.

37 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Early  
38 Childhood shall electronically disseminate the documents compiled  
39 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to the administrator of each  
40 hospital selected for participation in the pilot program. During the  
41 period beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2026,  
42 a copy of the documents tailored to a participating hospital shall be  
43 distributed to each patient receiving prenatal care at such hospital.

44 (e) During the period beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on  
45 December 31, 2027, the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall, in a  
46 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, administer a survey

47 to each parent or guardian that enrolls a child in (1) child care services,  
48 or (2) an early intervention program administered by the Office of Early  
49 Childhood, to determine whether such parent or guardian enrolled in  
50 such services or program as a result of the pilot program administered  
51 pursuant to this section. The completion of such survey shall be  
52 optional.

53 (f) Not later than June 1, 2028, the Commissioner of Early Childhood  
54 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
55 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
56 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report  
57 shall include an analysis of the efficacy of the pilot program  
58 administered pursuant to this section and any recommendations for  
59 legislation to expand such program or implement such program on a  
60 state-wide and permanent basis.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Office of Early Childhood to develop and administer a pilot program to disseminate information concerning child care services, early intervention programs and financial assistance programs to patients receiving prenatal care.

*[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.]*