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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6931

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION AND EQUITABLE WAGES
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 The Department of Social Services shall be the lead agency for child
6 day care services in Connecticut. The department shall: (1) Identify,
7 annually, existing child day care services and maintain an inventory of
8 all available services; (2) provide technical assistance to corporations
9 and private agencies in the development and expansion of child day
10 care services for families at all income levels, including families of their
11 employees and clients; (3) study and identify funding sources available
12 for child day care including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study
13 the cost and availability of liability insurance for child day care

14 providers; (5) provide, in conjunction with the Departments of
15 Education and Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care
16 providers including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing
17 them to cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek
18 private donations to fund such training; (6) encourage child day care
19 services to obtain accreditation; (7) develop a range of financing
20 options for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond
21 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving
22 loan program; (8) promote the colocation of child day care and school
23 readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; (9) establish a
24 performance-based evaluation system; (10) develop for
25 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures
26 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support
27 expanded child day care services; (11) provide, within available funds
28 and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance program as
29 defined in section 17b-680, child day care to public assistance
30 recipients; (12) develop and implement, with the assistance of the
31 Child Day Care Council and the Departments of Public Health, Social
32 Services, Education, Children and Families, Economic and Community
33 Development and Consumer Protection, a state-wide coordinated
34 child day care training system for providers and staff in child day care
35 centers, group day care homes and family day care homes; (13) plan
36 and implement a unit cost reimbursement system for state-funded
37 child day care services; [and] (14) develop, within available funds,
38 initiatives to increase educational opportunities for, and compensation
39 paid to child day care providers, including, but not limited to, (A)
40 incentives for educational advancement paid to persons employed by
41 child day care centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support
42 for the establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner
43 of apprenticeship programs for child day care workers pursuant to
44 sections 31-51a to 31-51e, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly
45 administered by labor and management trustees; (15) evaluate the
46 effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision (14)
47 of this section in improving staff retention rates and the quality of
48 education and care provided to children; and (16) report annually to

49 the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of child day care
50 in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of the
51 allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the
52 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the
53 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;
54 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and
55 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-
56 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and
57 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age
58 range of children served."