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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING ONE STOP FAMILY CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of
2 Education and Public Health shall develop a plan for the colocation,
3 wherever feasible, of family resource centers pursuant to section 10-4o,
4 of the general statutes, as amended, and school-based health clinics,
5 established on or after July 1, 2002, in order to improve access,
6 integrate services and reduce administrative expenses.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes, as
8 amended by section 6 of public act 01-173, is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

10 (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the
11 Department of Social Services, shall coordinate a family resource
12 center program to provide comprehensive child care services, remedial
13 educational and literacy services, families-in-training programs and
14 supportive services to parents who are recipients of temporary family
15 assistance and other parents in need of such services. The family
16 resource centers shall be located in or associated with public schools,

17 and any family resource center established on or after July 1, 2000,
18 shall be located in a public elementary school unless the Commissioner
19 of Education waives such requirement. Any family resource center
20 established on or after July 1, 2002, shall be located, to the extent
21 feasible, at a public school that is also the site of a school-based health
22 clinic. The commissioner shall determine the manner in which the
23 grant recipients of such program, such as municipalities, boards of
24 education and child care providers shall be selected. The family
25 resource center shall provide: (1) Quality full-day child care and school
26 readiness programs for children age three and older who are not
27 enrolled in school and child care for children enrolled in school up to
28 the age of twelve for before and after regular school hours and on a
29 full-day basis during school holidays and school vacation, in
30 compliance with all state statutes and regulations governing child day
31 care and, in the case of the school readiness programs, in compliance
32 with the standards set for such programs pursuant to section 10-16p;
33 (2) support services to parents of newborn infants to ascertain their
34 needs and provide them with referrals to other services and
35 organizations and, if necessary, education in parenting skills to such
36 parents; (3) support and educational services to parents whose
37 children are participants of the child care services of the program and
38 who are interested in obtaining a high school diploma or its
39 equivalent. Parents and their preschool age children may attend
40 classes in parenting and child learning skills together so as to promote
41 the mutual pursuit of education and enhance parent-child interaction;
42 (4) training, technical assistance and other support by the staff of the
43 center to family day care providers in the community and serve as an
44 information and referral system for other child care needs in the
45 community or coordinate with such systems as may already exist in
46 the community; (5) a families-in-training program to provide, within
47 available appropriations, community support services to expectant
48 parents and parents of children under the age of three. Such services
49 shall include, but not be limited to, providing information and advice
50 to parents on their child's language, cognitive, social and motor

51 development, visiting a participant's home on a regular basis,
52 organizing group meetings at the center for neighborhood parents of
53 young children and providing a reference center for parents who need
54 special assistance or services. The program shall provide for the
55 recruitment of parents to participate in such program; and (6) a sliding
56 scale of payment, as developed in consultation with the Department of
57 Social Services, for child care services at the center. The center shall
58 also provide a teen pregnancy prevention program for adolescents
59 emphasizing responsible decision-making and communication skills.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the colocation of new family resource centers and school-based health clinics in order to improve access to services and to make the delivery of services more cost efficient.

[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.]