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"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

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, Higher Education, Children and Families,
33 Economic and Community Development and Consumer Protection, a
34 state-wide coordinated child day care and early childhood education
35 training system (A) for [providers and staff in] child day care centers,
36 group day care homes, [and] family day care homes, nursery schools,
37 preschools and elementary and secondary schools and local and
38 regional boards of education that provide child day care services, and
39 (B) that makes available to such providers and their staff scholarship
40 assistance, career counseling and training, advancement in career
41 ladders, as defined in section 1 of public act 03-142, through seamless
42 articulation of levels of training, program accreditation support and
43 other initiatives recommended by the Departments of Social Services,
44 Education and Higher Education; (13) plan and implement a unit cost
45 reimbursement system for state-funded child day care services; (14)
46 develop, within available funds, initiatives to increase compensation
47 paid to child day care providers for educational opportunities,
48 including, but not limited to, (A) incentives for educational
49 advancement paid to persons employed by child day care centers
50 receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support for the establishment

51 and implementation by the Labor Commissioner of apprenticeship
52 programs for child day care workers pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-
53 22q, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly administered by labor
54 and management trustees; (15) evaluate the effectiveness of any
55 initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision (14) of this section in
56 improving staff retention rates and the quality of education and care
57 provided to children; and (16) report annually to the Governor and the
58 General Assembly on the status of child day care in Connecticut. Such
59 report shall include (A) an itemization of the allocation of state and
60 federal funds for child care programs; (B) the number of children
61 served under each program so funded; (C) the number and type of
62 such programs, providers and support personnel; (D) state activities to
63 encourage partnership between the public and private sectors; (E)
64 average payments issued by the state for both part-time and full-time
65 child care; (F) range of family income and percentages served within
66 each range by such programs; and (G) age range of children served."