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Raised Bill No. 201

LCO No. 1464

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of section 17a-248 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2006*):

4 (4) "Eligible children" means children from birth to thirty-six months
5 of age [,] who are not eligible for special education and related services
6 pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, and who need early
7 intervention services because such children: [are:]

8 (A) [Experiencing a significant developmental] Are experiencing
9 delay [as measured by standardized diagnostic instruments and
10 procedures, including informed clinical opinion, in one or more of the
11 following areas] in one or more areas of development including: (i)
12 Cognitive development; (ii) physical development, including vision or
13 hearing; (iii) communication development; (iv) social or emotional
14 development; or (v) adaptive skills; [or]

15 (B) [Diagnosed] Have been diagnosed as having a physical or

16 mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in
17 developmental delay; or

18 (C) Have four or more early life risk factors as defined in the
19 regulations adopted pursuant to section 17a-248d. Such risk factors
20 may include, but need not be limited to, the following: (i) Low
21 birthweight; (ii) reduced gestation; (iii) maternal age at the time of the
22 child's birth; (iv) family violence; (v) family substance abuse; (vi) a
23 history of being in the care or custody of the Commissioner of
24 Children and Families; or (vii) prolonged hospital admissions.

25 Sec. 2. Subdivision (10) of section 17a-248 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
27 *October 1, 2006*):

28 (10) "Qualified personnel" means persons who (A) meet the
29 standards specified in 34 CFR Part 303.12(e), as from time to time
30 amended, [and who] (B) are licensed physicians or psychologists or
31 persons holding a state-approved or recognized license, certificate or
32 registration in one or more of the following fields: [(A)] (i) Special
33 education, including teaching of the blind and the deaf; [(B)] (ii) speech
34 and language pathology and audiology; [(C)] (iii) occupational
35 therapy; [(D)] (iv) physical therapy; [(E)] (v) social work; [(F)] (vi)
36 nursing; [(G)] (vii) dietary or nutritional counseling; and [(H)] (viii)
37 other fields designated by the commissioner that meet requirements
38 that apply to the area in which the person is providing early
39 intervention services, provided there is no conflict with existing
40 professional licensing, certification and registration requirements, and
41 (C) meet such additional standards as may be established in
42 regulations adopted pursuant to section 17a-248d.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | 17a-248(4) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | 17a-248(10) |

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the criteria for eligibility and provider qualifications under the birth-to-three program.

[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.]