



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7177**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (a) The Department of Education, in conjunction with the  
5 Department of Social Services, shall coordinate a family resource  
6 center program to provide comprehensive child care services, remedial  
7 educational and literacy services, families-in-training programs and  
8 supportive services to parents who are recipients of temporary family  
9 assistance and other parents in need of such services. The family  
10 resource centers shall be located in or associated with public schools,  
11 and any family resource center established on or after July 1, 2000,  
12 shall be located in a public elementary school unless the Commissioner  
13 of Education waives such requirement. The commissioner shall  
14 determine the manner in which the grant recipients of such program,  
15 such as municipalities, boards of education and child care providers  
16 shall be selected. The family resource center shall provide: (1) Quality  
17 full-day child care and school readiness programs for children age  
18 three and older who are not enrolled in school and child care for  
19 children enrolled in school up to the age of twelve for before and after  
20 regular school hours and on a full-day basis during school holidays

21 and school vacation, in compliance with all state statutes and  
22 regulations governing child day care and, in the case of the school  
23 readiness programs, in compliance with the standards set for such  
24 programs pursuant to section 10-16p; (2) support services to parents of  
25 newborn infants to ascertain their needs and provide them with  
26 referrals to other services and organizations and, if necessary,  
27 education in parenting skills; (3) support and educational services to  
28 parents whose children are participants of the child care services of the  
29 program and who are interested in obtaining a high school diploma or  
30 its equivalent. Parents and their preschool age children may attend  
31 classes in parenting and child learning skills together so as to promote  
32 the mutual pursuit of education and enhance parent-child interaction;  
33 (4) training, technical assistance and other support by the staff of the  
34 center to family day care providers in the community and serve as an  
35 information and referral system for other child care needs in the  
36 community or coordinate with such systems as may already exist in  
37 the community; (5) a families-in-training program to provide, within  
38 available appropriations, community support services to expectant  
39 parents and parents of children under the age of three. Such services  
40 shall include, but not be limited to, providing information and advice  
41 to parents on their children's language, cognitive, social and motor  
42 development, visiting a participant's home on a regular basis,  
43 organizing group meetings at the center for neighborhood parents of  
44 young children and providing a reference center for parents who need  
45 special assistance or services. The program shall provide for the  
46 recruitment of parents to participate in such program; (6) a parents as  
47 teachers program to help parents to aid their children to reach  
48 developmental milestones, including, but not limited to, milestones  
49 involving cognitive, social, emotional and physical health; and [(6)] (7)  
50 a sliding scale of payment, as developed in consultation with the  
51 Department of Social Services, for child care services at the center. The  
52 center shall also provide a teen pregnancy prevention program for  
53 adolescents emphasizing responsible decision-making and  
54 communication skills.

55       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of  
 56 Education shall monitor the program provided for in subdivision (6) of  
 57 subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes, as amended by  
 58 this act. Not later than July 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
 59 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
 60 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the  
 61 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
 62 on the efficacy of such program in helping children to reach  
 63 developmental milestones, including, but not limited to, milestones  
 64 involving cognitive, social, emotional and physical health.

65       (b) The Department of Education may retain up to one per cent of  
 66 the amount appropriated for the grant pursuant to section 10-4o of the  
 67 general statutes, as amended by this act, to carry out the provisions of  
 68 subsection (a) of this section.

69       Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of three million two hundred  
 70 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from  
 71 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for family  
 72 resource centers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of  
 73 subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes,  
 74 as amended by this act.

75       Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of three million two hundred  
 76 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from  
 77 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for family  
 78 resource centers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of  
 79 subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-4o of the general statutes,  
 80 as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-4o(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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