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Raised Bill No. 749

LCO No. 2621

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-16s of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) (1) There shall be an Early Childhood Education Cabinet. The
5 cochairpersons of the cabinet shall be the Governor, or the Governor's
6 designee, and the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
7 designee. The cabinet shall consist of the Secretary of the Office of
8 Policy and Management or the secretary's designee, the
9 Commissioners of Social Services, Higher Education, Public Health,
10 Children and Families and Developmental Services or the
11 commissioners' designees, the cochairpersons of each of the joint
12 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13 matters relating to education and human services or the
14 cochairpersons' designees, the executive director of the Commission on
15 Children, or the director's designee, the executive director of the
16 Children's Trust Fund, or the executive director's designee, and one

17 person representing a local or regional school readiness council
18 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, and a
19 representative of the Connecticut Head Start Association appointed by
20 the speaker of the House of Representatives. The Department of
21 Education shall provide administrative services to the Early Childhood
22 Education Cabinet and the Governor's Early Childhood Research and
23 Policy Council established pursuant to Executive Order No. 13, issued
24 by Governor M. Jodi Rell, on February 7, 2006.

25 (2) Within available appropriations, the Early Childhood Education
26 Cabinet shall (A) advise the Commissioner of Education on policies
27 and initiatives to meet the goals established in section 10-16o, (B) no
28 later than July 1, 2008, begin a state-wide longitudinal evaluation of the
29 school readiness program, in consultation with the Department of
30 Social Services and the Department of Education, that examines the
31 educational progress of children from prekindergarten programs to
32 grade three, inclusive, (C) develop budget requests for the early
33 childhood program, and (D) promote consistency of quality and
34 comprehensiveness of early childhood services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	10-16s(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Children's Trust Fund to contribute to and benefit from the Early Childhood Education Cabinet.

[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.]