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***Raised Bill No. 5446***

LCO No. 1807



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OR ELIMINATION OF  
DOUBLE CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749 of the 2014 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (c) The commissioner shall establish eligibility and program  
5 standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and  
6 eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of  
7 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in  
8 employment activities under the department's "Jobs First" program,  
9 working families whose temporary family assistance was discontinued  
10 not more than five years prior to the date of application for the child  
11 care subsidy program, teen parents, low-income working families,  
12 adoptive families of children who were adopted from the Department  
13 of Children and Families and who are granted a waiver of income  
14 standards under subdivision (2) of subsection (b), and working  
15 families who are at risk of welfare dependency; (2) health and safety

16 standards for child care providers not required to be licensed; (3) a  
17 reimbursement system for child care services which account for  
18 differences in the age of the child, number of children in the family, the  
19 geographic region and type of care provided by licensed and  
20 unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of services provided by  
21 licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful completion of fifteen  
22 hours of annual in-service training or credentialing of child care  
23 directors and administrators, and program accreditation; (4)  
24 supplemental payment for special needs of the child and extended  
25 nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process for providers  
26 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which  
27 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding  
28 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative  
29 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate  
30 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover  
31 overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and payment  
32 eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care subsidy  
33 experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other  
34 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy  
35 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in  
36 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with  
37 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be  
38 issued annually by the Department of Social Services to the Governor  
39 and the General Assembly in accordance with subdivision (10) of  
40 section 17b-733. [Such action will] Information provided by the  
41 Department of Social Services to the Governor shall include, but not be  
42 limited to, family income, age of child, region of state and length of  
43 time on such waiting list. The commissioner shall not award a child  
44 care subsidy pursuant to this section to any person who has received a  
45 child care subsidy from the Department of Children and Families for  
46 the same child during the same time period for which a child care  
47 subsidy is sought pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749(c)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate or prevent double child care subsidies from the Departments of Social Services and Children and Families.

*[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.]*