



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5446

February Session, 2014



**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2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in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 shall include, but not be limited to,
 42 family income, age of child, region of state and length of time on such
 43 waiting list. The commissioner shall not award a child care subsidy
 44 pursuant to this section to any person who has received a child care
 45 subsidy from the Department of Children and Families for the same
 46 child during the same time period for which a child care subsidy is
 47 sought pursuant to this section.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(c), "to the Governor" was deleted from new language concerning a Department of Social Services report for accuracy and

consistency with other provisions of the section.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*