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"AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 Office of Early Childhood. The office shall be under the direction of the
5 Commissioner of Early Childhood, whose appointment shall be made
6 by the Governor. Such appointment shall be in accordance with the
7 provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the general statutes, as
8 amended by this act. The commissioner shall be responsible for
9 implementing the policies and directives of the office. The
10 commissioner shall have the authority to designate any employee as
11 his or her agent to exercise all or part of the authority, powers and
12 duties of the commissioner in his or her absence. Said office shall be
13 within the Department of Education for administrative purposes.

14 (b) The office shall be responsible for:

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- 15 (1) The delivery of services to young children and their families to
16 ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each young child;
- 17 (2) Developing and implementing the early childhood information
18 system, in accordance with the provisions of section 504 of this act;
- 19 (3) Developing and reporting on the early childhood accountability
20 plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 505 of this act;
- 21 (4) Implementing a communications strategy for outreach to
22 families, service providers and policymakers;
- 23 (5) Not later than September 1, 2014, beginning a state-wide
24 longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness program examining the
25 educational progress of children from prekindergarten programs to
26 grade four, inclusive;
- 27 (6) Developing, coordinating and supporting public and private
28 partnerships to aid early childhood initiatives;
- 29 (7) Developing and implementing a state-wide developmentally
30 appropriate kindergarten assessment tool that measures a child's level
31 of preparedness for kindergarten, but shall not be used as a
32 measurement tool for program accountability;
- 33 (8) Creating a unified set of reporting requirements for the purpose
34 of collecting the data elements necessary to perform quality
35 assessments and longitudinal analysis;
- 36 (9) Comparing and analyzing data collected pursuant to reporting
37 requirements created under subdivision (8) of this subsection with the
38 data collected in the state-wide public school information system,
39 pursuant to section 10-10a of the general statutes, for population-level
40 analysis of children and families;
- 41 (10) Continually monitoring and evaluating all early care and
42 education and child development programs and services, focusing on

43 program outcomes in satisfying the health, safety, developmental and
44 educational needs of all children, while retaining distinct separation
45 between quality improvement services and child day care licensing
46 services;

47 (11) Coordinating home visitation services across programs for
48 young children;

49 (12) Providing information and technical assistance to persons
50 seeking early care and education and child development programs and
51 services;

52 (13) Assisting state agencies and municipalities in obtaining
53 available federal funding for early care and education and child
54 development programs and services;

55 (14) Providing technical assistance to providers of early care and
56 education programs and services to obtain licensing and improve
57 program quality;

58 (15) Establishing a quality rating and improvement system
59 developed by the office that covers home-based, center-based and
60 school-based early child care and learning;

61 (16) Maintaining an accreditation facilitation initiative to assist early
62 childhood care and education program and service providers in
63 achieving national standards and program improvement;

64 (17) Consulting with the Early Childhood Cabinet, established
65 pursuant to section 10-16z of the general statutes, as amended by this
66 act, and the Head Start advisory committee, established pursuant to
67 section 10-16n of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

68 (18) Ensuring a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide system
69 of professional development for providers and staff of early care and
70 education and child development programs and services;

71 (19) Providing families with opportunities for choice in services
72 including quality child care and community-based family-centered
73 services;

74 (20) Integrating early childhood care and education and special
75 education services;

76 (21) Promoting universal access to early childhood care and
77 education;

78 (22) Ensuring nonduplication of monitoring and evaluation;

79 (23) Performing any other activities that will assist in the provision
80 of early care and education and child development programs and
81 services;

82 (24) Developing early learning and development standards to be
83 used by early care and education providers; and

84 (25) Developing and implementing a performance-based evaluation
85 system to evaluate licensed child day care centers, in accordance with
86 the provisions of section 17b-749f of the general statutes, as amended
87 by this act.

88 (c) The Office of Early Childhood may enter into memoranda of
89 agreement with and accept donations from nonprofit and
90 philanthropic organizations to accomplish the purposes of this section.

91 (d) The Office of Early Childhood shall constitute a successor
92 department, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e
93 and 4-39 of the general statutes, to (1) the Department of Education
94 with respect to sections 8-210, 10-16n, 10-16p to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-
95 16u, 10-16w, 10-16aa, 17b-749a, 17b-749c and 17b-749g to 17b-749i,
96 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (2) the
97 Department of Social Services (A) with respect to sections 17b-12, 17b-
98 705a, 17b-730, 17b-733 to 17b-736, inclusive, 17b-738, 17b-739, 17b-749,
99 17b-749d to 17b-749f, inclusive, 17b-749j, 17b-749k, 17b-750 to 17b-

100 751a, inclusive, 17b-751d and 17b-751e of the general statutes, as
101 amended by this act, and (B) for the purpose of administering the child
102 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and
103 Development Block Grant Act of 1990; and (3) the Department of
104 Public Health (A) with respect to sections 10a-194c, 12-634, 17a-28, 17a-
105 101 and 19a-80f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B) for
106 the purpose of regulating child day care services pursuant to sections
107 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-82 and 19a-84 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the
108 general statutes, as amended by this act, (C) for the purpose of the
109 conduct of regulation of youth camps, pursuant to sections 19a-420 to
110 19a-434, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
111 (D) for the purpose of administering the Maternal, Infant, and Early
112 Childhood Home Visiting Program authorized under the Patient
113 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148.

114 Sec. 502. Section 4-5 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is
115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
116 *passage*):

117 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
118 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
119 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner on Aging,
120 Commissioner of Revenue Services, Banking Commissioner,
121 Commissioner of Children and Families, Commissioner of Consumer
122 Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Economic
123 and Community Development, State Board of Education,
124 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
125 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
126 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
127 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
128 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
129 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental
130 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of
131 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of
132 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the Commissioner

133 of Early Childhood and the executive director of the Office of Military
134 Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means
135 the Commissioner of Education.

136 Sec. 503. Section 10-16bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

138 [(a) On and after July 1, 2013, there shall be a coordinated system of
139 early care and education and child development. The coordinated
140 system of early care and education and child development shall consist
141 of comprehensive and aligned policies, responsibilities, practices and
142 services for young children and their families, including prenatal care
143 and care for children from birth to eight years of age, inclusive, to
144 ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each child, and that are
145 in accordance with the plan developed by the planning director
146 pursuant to section 10-16cc.

147 (b) The coordinated system of early care and education and child
148 development shall (1) create a unified set of reporting requirements for
149 the programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section
150 10-16cc, for the purpose of collecting the data elements necessary to
151 perform quality assessments and longitudinal analysis; (2) compare
152 and analyze the data collected pursuant to reporting requirements
153 created under subdivision (1) of this subsection with the data collected
154 in the state-wide public school information system, pursuant to section
155 10-10a, for population-level analysis of children and families; (3)
156 develop and update appropriate early learning standards and
157 assessment tools for children from birth to five years of age, inclusive,
158 that are age and developmentally appropriate and that are aligned
159 with existing learning standards as of July 1, 2013, and assessment
160 tools for students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive; (4)
161 continually monitor and evaluate all early childhood education and
162 child care programs and services, focusing on program outcomes in
163 satisfying the health, safety, developmental and educational needs of
164 all children; (5) develop indicators that assess strategies designed to
165 strengthen the family through parental involvement in a child's

166 development and education, including children with special needs; (6)
167 increase the availability of early childhood education and child care
168 programs and services and encourage the providers of such programs
169 and services to work together to create multiple options that allow
170 families to participate in programs that serve the particular needs of
171 each family; (7) provide information and technical assistance to
172 persons seeking early childhood education and child care programs
173 and services; (8) assist state agencies and municipalities in obtaining
174 available federal funding for early childhood education and child care
175 programs and services; (9) provide technical assistance and
176 consultation to licensed providers of early childhood education and
177 child care programs and services and assist any potential provider of
178 such programs and services in obtaining the necessary licensure and
179 certification; (10) incorporate the quality rating and improvement
180 system developed by the Department of Education that covers home-
181 based, center-based and school-based early child care and learning;
182 (11) maintain a system of accreditation facilitation to assist early
183 childhood education and child care programs and services in
184 achieving national standards and program improvement; (12) create
185 partnerships between state agencies and philanthropic organizations
186 to assist in the implementation of the coordinated system of early care
187 and education and child development; (13) align the system's policy
188 and program goals with those of the Early Childhood Education
189 Cabinet, pursuant to section 10-16z, and the Head Start advisory
190 committee, pursuant to section 10-16n; (14) ensure a coordinated and
191 comprehensive state-wide system of professional development for
192 providers of early childhood education and child care programs and
193 services; (15) develop family-centered services that assist families in
194 their communities; (16) provide families with opportunities for choice
195 in services including quality child care; (17) integrate early childhood
196 education and special education services; (18) emphasize targeted
197 research-based interventions; (19) organize services into a coherent
198 system; (20) coordinate a comprehensive and accessible delivery
199 system for early childhood education and child care services; (21) focus
200 on performance measures to ensure that services are accountable,

201 effective and accessible to the consumer; (22) promote universal access
202 to early childhood care and education; (23) ensure nonduplication of
203 monitoring and evaluation; (24) encourage, promote and coordinate
204 funding for the establishment and administration of local and regional
205 early childhood councils that implement local and regional birth-to-
206 eight systems; and (25) perform any other activities that will assist in
207 the provision of early childhood education and child care programs
208 and services.]

209 [(c) The coordinated system of early care and education and child
210 development] The Office of Early Childhood shall collaborate with
211 local and regional early childhood councils [to implement the
212 coordinated system of] in the implementation of early care and
213 education and child development programs at the local level. Such
214 early childhood councils shall: (1) Develop and implement a
215 comprehensive plan for an early childhood system for the community
216 served by such early childhood council, (2) develop policy and
217 program planning, (3) encourage community participation by
218 emphasizing substantial parental involvement, (4) collect, analyze and
219 evaluate data with a focus on program and service outcomes, (5)
220 allocate resources, and (6) perform any other functions that will assist
221 in the provision of early childhood programs and services. Such early
222 childhood councils may enter into memoranda of agreement with the
223 local or regional school readiness council, described in section 10-16r,
224 of the town or region served by such early childhood council to
225 perform the duties and functions of a school readiness council, in
226 accordance with the provisions of [said] section 10-16r, as amended by
227 this act, or if no such local or regional school readiness council exists
228 for the town or region of such early childhood council, perform the
229 duties and functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with
230 the provisions of section 10-16r, as amended by this act.

231 [(d) The coordinated system of early care and education and child
232 development may enter into memoranda of agreement with and accept
233 donations from nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to

234 accomplish the purposes of this section.]

235 Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Early
236 Childhood shall develop and implement an early childhood
237 information system. Such early childhood information system shall
238 facilitate and encourage the sharing of data between and among early
239 childhood service providers by tracking (1) the health, safety and
240 school readiness of all young children receiving early care and
241 education services from (A) any local or regional board of education,
242 (B) school readiness program, as defined in section 10-16p of the
243 general statutes, as amended by this act, or (C) any program receiving
244 public funding, in a manner similar to the system described in section
245 10-10a of the general statutes, (2) the characteristics of the existing and
246 potential workforce serving such children, (3) the characteristics of
247 such programs serving such children, and (4) data collected, if any,
248 from the preschool experience survey, described in section 583 of this
249 act.

250 (b) Any local or regional board of education, school readiness
251 program, or any child day care center as described in subdivision (1) of
252 subsection (a) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes and licensed by
253 the Department of Public Health or the Office of Early Childhood, shall
254 ensure that all children and all staff in a school under the jurisdiction
255 of such board, program or center are entered into the early childhood
256 information system.

257 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December
258 31, 2015, the Office of Early Childhood shall develop, in consultation
259 with the Early Childhood Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-
260 16z of the general statutes, an early childhood accountability plan.
261 Such plan shall (1) identify and define appropriate population
262 indicators and program and system performance measures of the
263 health, safety and readiness of children to enter kindergarten, and
264 early school success of children, and shall identify any new or
265 improved data required for such purposes; and (2) include aggregate
266 information on the characteristics of children and programs tracked by

267 the early childhood information system, developed pursuant to section
268 504 of this act, including, but not limited to, family income, whether
269 the families of such children receive assistance through temporary
270 assistance for needy families, pursuant to section 17b-112 of the
271 general statutes, or a similar program, and the communities in which
272 such children reside using a performance measurement accountability
273 framework.

274 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the office
275 shall develop report cards containing the indicators and performance
276 measures identified in the early childhood accountability plan.

277 (c) Not later than January 15, 2016, the Office of Early Childhood
278 shall (1) submit the early childhood accountability plan, and (2)
279 annually report on the results of such plan and report cards to the joint
280 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
281 matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with
282 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

283 Sec. 506. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood shall
284 develop, in consultation with the Department of Education, a plan for
285 (1) changing the date that a child must reach five years of age to be
286 eligible to enroll in kindergarten under section 10-15c of the general
287 statutes from January first of any school year to October first of any
288 school year, and (2) the creation of spaces in school readiness
289 programs and public and private prekindergarten programs for those
290 children who reach five years of age after October first of any school
291 year and are not eligible to enroll in kindergarten for such school year.
292 Not later than June 30, 2015, the office shall submit such plan to the
293 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
294 of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of
295 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

296 Sec. 507. Section 10-14n of the 2014 supplement to the general
297 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
298 (*Effective from passage*):

299 (a) As used in this section, "mastery examination" means an
300 examination or examinations, approved by the State Board of
301 Education, that measure essential and grade-appropriate skills in
302 reading, writing, mathematics or science.

303 (b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school
304 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grades three to eight,
305 inclusive, and grade ten or eleven in any public school shall, annually,
306 in March or April, take a mastery examination in reading, writing and
307 mathematics.

308 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school
309 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grade five, eight, ten or eleven
310 in any public school shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-
311 wide mastery examination in science.

312 (c) Mastery examinations pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
313 shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of the
314 State Board of Education.

315 (d) The scores on each component of the mastery examination for
316 each tenth or eleventh grade student may be included on the
317 permanent record and transcript of each such student who takes such
318 examination. For each tenth or eleventh grade student who meets or
319 exceeds the state-wide mastery goal level on any component of the
320 mastery examination, a certification of having met or exceeded such
321 goal level shall be made on the permanent record and the transcript of
322 each such student and such student shall be issued a certificate of
323 mastery for such component. Each tenth or eleventh grade student
324 who fails to meet the mastery goal level on each component of said
325 mastery examination may annually take or retake each such
326 component at its regular administration until such student scores at or
327 above each such state-wide mastery goal level or such student
328 graduates or reaches age twenty-one.

329 (e) No public school may require achievement of a satisfactory score

330 on a mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of
331 such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.

332 [(f) Not later than April 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Education
333 shall develop and implement a state-wide developmentally
334 appropriate kindergarten assessment tool that measures a child's level
335 of preparedness for kindergarten, but shall not be used as a
336 measurement tool for program accountability pursuant to section 10-
337 16s.]

338 Sec. 508. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the 2014 supplement to
339 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
340 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

341 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school
342 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve
343 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The
344 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the
345 grant programs established pursuant to sections [10-16p,] 10-265f, 10-
346 265m and 10-266t. The grant program and its component parts shall be
347 for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest
348 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)
349 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to
350 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one
351 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the
352 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of
353 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in
354 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the
355 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are
356 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based
357 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family
358 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,
359 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery
360 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-
361 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant
362 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-

363 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively
364 with such school districts during any school year to improve their
365 educational programs or [to provide early childhood education or]
366 early reading intervention programs. The component parts of the grant
367 shall be allocated according to the provisions of sections [10-16p,] 10-
368 265f, 10-265m and 10-266t. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of
369 section 10-276a, the State Board of Education shall allocate one million
370 dollars to each of the eight towns described in subdivision (1) of this
371 subsection and five hundred thousand dollars to each of the towns
372 described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, except the
373 towns described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not receive
374 any additional allocation if they are also described in subdivision (2) or
375 (3) of this subsection.

376 Sec. 509. Section 10-16n of the general statutes is repealed and the
377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

378 (a) The Commissioner of [Education, in consultation with the
379 Commissioner of Social Services,] Early Childhood shall establish a
380 competitive grant program to assist nonprofit agencies and local and
381 regional boards of education, which are federal Head Start grantees, in
382 (1) establishing extended-day and full-day, year-round, Head Start
383 programs or expanding existing Head Start programs to extended-day
384 or full-day, year-round programs, (2) enhancing program quality, and
385 (3) increasing the number of children served. The commissioner, after
386 consultation with the committee established pursuant to subsection (c)
387 of this section, shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least
388 twenty-five per cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the
389 purpose of enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards
390 of education seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make
391 application to the [Commissioner of Education] commissioner on such
392 forms and at such times as the commissioner shall prescribe. All grants
393 pursuant to this section shall be funded within the limits of available
394 appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private donations.
395 All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded pursuant to this

396 section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start performance
397 standards.

398 (b) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall
399 annually allocate to each town in which the number of children under
400 the [aid to dependent children] temporary family assistance program,
401 as defined in subdivision [(14)] (17) of section 10-262f, equals or
402 exceeds nine hundred children, determined for the fiscal year ending
403 June 30, 1996, an amount equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars
404 plus eight and one-half dollars for each child under the [aid to
405 dependent children] temporary family assistance program, provided
406 such amount may be reduced proportionately so that the total amount
407 awarded pursuant to this subsection does not exceed two million
408 seven hundred thousand dollars. The [department] office shall award
409 grants to the local and regional boards of education for such towns and
410 nonprofit agencies located in such towns which meet the criteria
411 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to maintain the
412 programs established or expanded with funds provided pursuant to
413 this subsection in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,
414 1997. Any funds remaining in the allocation to such a town after grants
415 are so awarded shall be used to increase allocations to other such
416 towns. Any funds remaining after grants are so awarded to boards of
417 education and nonprofit agencies in all such towns shall be available to
418 local and regional boards of education and nonprofit agencies in other
419 towns in the state for grants for such purposes.

420 (c) There is established a committee to advise the [Commissioner of
421 Education] commissioner concerning the coordination, priorities for
422 allocation and distribution, and utilization of funds for Head Start and
423 concerning the competitive grant program established under this
424 section, and to evaluate programs funded pursuant to this section. The
425 committee shall consist of the following members: (1) One member
426 designated by the [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner; (2)
427 six members who are directors of Head Start programs, two from
428 community action agency program sites or school readiness liaisons,

429 one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
430 Senate and one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two
431 from public school program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by
432 the majority leader of the Senate and one by the majority leader of the
433 House of Representatives, and two from other nonprofit agency
434 program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader
435 of the Senate and one by the minority leader of the House of
436 Representatives; (3) one member designated by the Commission on
437 Children; (4) one member designated by the Early Childhood
438 [Education] Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as
439 amended by this act; (5) two members designated by the Head Start
440 Association, one of whom shall be the parent of a present or former
441 Head Start student; (6) one member designated by the Connecticut
442 Association for Community Action who shall have expertise and
443 experience concerning Head Start; (7) one member designated by the
444 Region I Office of Head Start within the federal Administration of
445 Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human
446 Services; and (8) the director of the Head Start Collaboration Office.

447 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt
448 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
449 purposes of this section.

450 Sec. 510. Section 10-16p of the 2014 supplement to the general
451 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
452 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

453 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, as
454 amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this act, and 17b-749c,
455 as amended by this act:

456 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that
457 (A) meets the standards set by the [department] Office of Early
458 Childhood pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the
459 requirements of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, and (B)
460 provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of not less

461 than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days for eligible
462 children, except as provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as
463 amended by this act;

464 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
465 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
466 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and
467 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

468 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
469 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
470 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
471 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
472 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former priority school
473 district receiving a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and,
474 on and after July 1, 2001, excluding such a school in a transitional
475 school district receiving a grant pursuant to section 10-16u, as
476 amended by this act;

477 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
478 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former
479 priority school district in which forty per cent or more of the lunches
480 served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price
481 lunches;

482 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
483 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
484 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
485 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
486 commissioner, [in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
487 Services,] unless the context otherwise requires;

488 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in
489 subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

490 (7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Education] Early
491 Childhood; [and]

492 [(8) "Department" means the Department of Education.]

493 (8) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood; and

494 (9) "Seeking accreditation" means a school readiness program
495 seeking accreditation by the National Association for the Education of
496 Young Children or a Head Start on-site program review instrument or
497 successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations, or attempting to
498 meet criteria as may be established by the commissioner.

499 (b) (1) The [Department of Education] office shall be the lead agency
500 for school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, as
501 amended by this act, school readiness program providers eligible for
502 funding from the [Department of Education] office shall include local
503 and regional boards of education, regional educational service centers,
504 family resource centers and providers of child day care centers, as
505 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, Head Start
506 programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet such
507 standards established by the [Commissioner of Education]
508 commissioner. The [department] office shall establish standards for
509 school readiness programs. The standards may include, but need not
510 be limited to, guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum
511 content, including preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent
512 involvement, staff qualifications and training, transition to school and
513 administration. The [department] office shall develop age-appropriate
514 developmental skills and goals for children attending such programs.
515 The commissioner, in consultation with the president of the Board of
516 Regents for Higher Education, the [Commissioner of] Commissioners
517 of Education and Social Services and other appropriate entities, shall
518 develop a professional development program for the staff of school
519 readiness programs.

520 (2) For purposes of this section:

521 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each
522 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood

523 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by
524 an organization approved by the [Commissioner of Education]
525 commissioner and twelve credits or more in early childhood education
526 or child development, as determined by the commissioner or the
527 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after
528 consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social
529 Services] commissioner, from an institution of higher education (I)
530 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or [State
531 Board of Education] Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally
532 accredited; (ii) an associate's degree with twelve credits or more in
533 early childhood education or child development, as determined by the
534 commissioner or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
535 Education, after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education
536 and Social Services] commissioner, from such an institution; (iii) a
537 four-year degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood
538 education or child development, as determined by the commissioner
539 or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after
540 consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social
541 Services] commissioner, from such an institution; or (iv) certification
542 pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood
543 education or special education;

544 (B) From July 1, 2015, [to] until June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications"
545 means that for each early childhood education program accepting state
546 funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such
547 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at
548 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility
549 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-
550 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early
551 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a
552 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited
553 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child
554 development or human growth and development, from an institution
555 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
556 Education or Office of Higher Education, and regionally accredited,

557 provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of
558 Regents for Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and
559 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, and (ii) such
560 remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom
561 of children hold an associate degree with a concentration in early
562 childhood education, including, but not limited to, an associate's
563 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
564 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
565 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
566 or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided
567 such associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for
568 Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and the
569 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood; and

570 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for
571 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for
572 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's
573 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per
574 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a
575 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b
576 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood
577 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in
578 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's
579 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
580 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
581 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
582 or [State Board of Education] the Office of Higher Education, and (II)
583 regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree program is
584 approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the Office
585 of Higher Education and the [Department of Education] Office of Early
586 Childhood.

587 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree in early childhood
588 education or child development or a bachelor's degree and twelve
589 credits or more in early childhood education or child development,

590 who, on or before June 30, 2015, is employed [as a teacher] by an early
591 childhood education program that accepts state funds for infant,
592 toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's child day
593 care program or school readiness program [and meets the staff
594 qualifications required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
595 this subsection] shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications
596 required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this
597 subsection. No such early childhood education program shall
598 terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of
599 meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph
600 (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. [Any such individual
601 who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood
602 education program and accepts a teacher position at another early
603 childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces
604 associated with such program's child day care program or school
605 readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's
606 progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth
607 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a
608 manner determined by the Department of Education.]

609 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree in early childhood
610 education or child development or a bachelor's degree and twelve
611 credits or more in early childhood education or child development,
612 other than those bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs [(A)
613 and] (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, may submit
614 documentation concerning such degree for review and assessment by
615 the [Department of Education] office as to whether such degree has a
616 sufficient concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy
617 the requirements set forth in said subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and (C).

618 (c) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
619 Commissioner of Social Services,] commissioner shall establish a grant
620 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for
621 eligible children who reside in priority school districts pursuant to
622 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in former priority school

623 districts as provided in this subsection. Under the program, the grant
624 shall be provided, in accordance with this section, to the town in which
625 such priority school district or former priority school district is located.
626 Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an
627 applicant's designation as a priority school district for the initial year
628 of application, except that if a school district that receives a grant
629 pursuant to this subsection is no longer designated as a priority school
630 district at the end of such five-year period, such former priority school
631 district shall continue to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this
632 subsection. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
633 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
634 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such
635 priority school district or former priority school district shall submit a
636 plan for the expenditure of grant funds and responses to the local
637 request for proposal process to the [Departments of Education and
638 Social Services. The departments shall jointly review such plans and
639 shall each approve the portion of such plan within its jurisdiction for
640 funding] commissioner. The commissioner shall review and approve
641 such plans. The plan shall: (1) Be developed in consultation with the
642 local or regional school readiness council established pursuant to
643 section 10-16r, as amended by this act; (2) be based on a needs and
644 resource assessment; (3) provide for the issuance of requests for
645 proposals for providers of accredited school readiness programs,
646 provided, after the initial requests for proposals, facilities that have
647 been approved to operate a child care program financed through the
648 Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority and have
649 received a commitment for debt service from the Department of Social
650 Services, pursuant to section 17b-749i, as amended by this act, on or
651 before June 30, 2014, and on or after July 1, 2014, from the office, are
652 exempt from the requirement for issuance of annual requests for
653 proposals; and (4) identify the need for funding pursuant to section
654 17b-749a, as amended by this act, in order to extend the hours and
655 days of operation of school readiness programs in order to provide
656 child day care services for children attending such programs.

657 (d) (1) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
658 Commissioner of Social Services,] commissioner shall establish a
659 competitive grant program to provide spaces in accredited school
660 readiness programs or school readiness programs seeking
661 accreditation for eligible children who reside (A) in an area served by a
662 priority school or a former priority school, [as provided for in
663 subdivision (2) of this subsection,] (B) in a town ranked one to fifty
664 when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town
665 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school
666 district is not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as
667 amended by this act, [or] (C) in a town formerly a town described in
668 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in subdivision (2)
669 of this subsection, or (D) in a town designated as an alliance district, as
670 defined in section 10-262u, whose school district is not a priority school
671 district pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act. A town in
672 which a priority school is located, a regional school readiness council,
673 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, for a region in which such
674 a school is located or a town described in subparagraph (B) of this
675 subdivision may apply for such a grant in an amount not [to exceed]
676 less than one hundred seven thousand dollars per priority school or
677 town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an
678 applicant's designation as having a priority school or being a town
679 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for the initial year of
680 application. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
681 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
682 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools of the
683 school district or the regional school readiness council shall submit a
684 plan, as described in subsection (c) of this section, for the expenditure
685 of such grant funds to the [Department of Education] commissioner. In
686 awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall
687 give preference to applications submitted by regional school readiness
688 councils and may, within available appropriations, provide a grant [in
689 excess of one hundred seven thousand dollars to towns with two or
690 more priority schools in such district] to such town or regional school
691 readiness council that increases the number of spaces for eligible

692 children who reside in an area or town described in subparagraphs (A)
693 to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, in an accredited school readiness
694 program or a school readiness program seeking accreditation. A town
695 or regional school readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this
696 subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for such children
697 from providers of accredited school readiness programs or school
698 readiness programs seeking accreditation.

699 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
700 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town
701 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is
702 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a
703 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal
704 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of
705 this subsection.

706 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as
707 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
708 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in
709 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant
710 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of
711 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the
712 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final
713 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that
714 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received
715 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
716 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year
717 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to
718 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
719 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the
720 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of
721 this subsection.

722 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year
723 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph
724 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June

725 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if
726 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to
727 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

728 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year
729 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts
730 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)
731 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth
732 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,
733 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b)
734 of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child
735 cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)
736 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts
737 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by
738 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b) of
739 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall
740 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds
741 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots
742 shall be reduced, as determined by the [Commissioner of Education]
743 commissioner, to stay within the available appropriation.

744 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
745 this section are not expended, the [Commissioner of Education]
746 commissioner may deposit such unexpended funds in the account
747 established under section 10-16aa, as amended by this act, and use
748 such unexpended funds in accordance with the provisions of section
749 10-16aa, as amended by this act.

750 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2012] 2015, and each fiscal
751 year thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c)
752 of this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred
753 thousand dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the
754 provision of professional development for early childhood care and
755 education program providers, [offered by a professional development
756 and program improvement system within the Connecticut State
757 University System] and staff employed in such programs, provided

758 such programs accept state funds for infant, toddler and preschool
759 slots. Such unexpended funds may be available for use in accordance
760 with the provisions of this subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year.
761 The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may use such
762 unexpended funds on and after [July 1, 2012, in consultation with the
763 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education] July 1, 2015, to
764 support early childhood education programs accepting state funds in
765 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraphs (B)
766 and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The
767 [Department of Education] commissioner shall use any such funds to
768 provide assistance to individual staff members, giving priority to those
769 staff members (i) attending an institution of higher education [(i)]
770 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or [State
771 Board of Education] the Office of Higher Education, and approved by
772 the Office of Early Childhood, and [(ii)] regionally accredited, at a
773 maximum of five thousand dollars per staff member per year for the
774 cost of higher education courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not
775 later than December 31, [2013] 2015, an associate's degree, as such
776 degrees are described in said subparagraphs (B) and (C), [at an in-state
777 public institution of higher education or a Connecticut-based for-profit
778 or nonprofit institution of higher education] or (ii) receiving noncredit
779 competency-based training approved by the office, at a maximum of
780 one thousand dollars per staff member per year, provided such staff
781 members have applied for all available federal and state scholarships
782 and grants, and such assistance does not exceed such staff members'
783 financial need. Individual staff members shall apply for such
784 unexpended funds in a manner determined by the [Department of
785 Education] commissioner. The [Commissioner of Education]
786 commissioner shall determine [, in consultation with the president of
787 the Board of Regents for Higher Education,] how such unexpended
788 funds shall be distributed.

789 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this
790 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
791 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used

792 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the [Commissioner
793 of Education] commissioner may use such unexpended funds to
794 support local school readiness programs. The commissioner may use
795 such funds for purposes including, but not limited to, (i) assisting local
796 school readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation
797 requirements, (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool
798 assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance
799 literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a state-wide preschool
800 curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades
801 kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing and implementing best
802 practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student
803 learning, (vi) developing and implementing strategies for children to
804 transition from preschool to kindergarten, (vii) providing for
805 professional development, including assisting in career ladder
806 advancement, for school readiness staff, [and] (viii) providing
807 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants
808 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (ix) developing a plan to
809 provide spaces in an accredited school readiness program or a school
810 readiness program seeking accreditation to all eligible children who
811 reside in an area or town described in subparagraphs (A) to (D),
812 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as
813 amended by this act.

814 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal
815 years ending June 30, [2008] 2015, to June 30, [2013] 2016, inclusive, the
816 [Department of Education] office may retain up to one hundred
817 ninety-eight thousand two hundred dollars of the amount
818 appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination, program
819 evaluation and administration.

820 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to
821 this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, shall not
822 discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion
823 or disability. For purposes of this section, a nonsectarian program
824 means any public or private school readiness program that is not

825 violative of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the State of
826 Connecticut or the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the
827 United States of America.

828 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by
829 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
830 16u, as amended by this act, shall be used to supplant federal, state or
831 local funding received by such town for early childhood education,
832 provided a town may use an amount determined in accordance with
833 this subsection for coordination, program evaluation and
834 administration. Such amount shall be at least twenty-five thousand
835 dollars but not more than seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be
836 determined by the [Department of Education, in consultation with the
837 Department of Social Services,] commissioner based on the school
838 readiness grant award allocated to the town pursuant to subsection (c)
839 or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, and the
840 number of operating sites for coordination, program evaluation and
841 administration. Such amount shall be increased by an amount equal to
842 local funding provided for early childhood education coordination,
843 program evaluation and administration, not to exceed twenty-five
844 thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant to
845 subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by
846 this act, shall designate a person to be responsible for such
847 coordination, program evaluation and administration and to act as a
848 liaison between the town and the [Departments of Education and
849 Social Services] commissioner. Each school readiness program that
850 receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u, as amended
851 by this act, shall provide information to the [department]
852 commissioner or the school readiness council, as requested, that is
853 necessary for purposes of any school readiness program evaluation.

854 (h) [For the first three years a town receives grants] Any town
855 receiving a grant pursuant to this section [,] may use such [grants may
856 be used] grant, with the approval of the commissioner, to prepare a
857 facility or staff for operating a school readiness program and shall be

858 adjusted based on the number of days of operation of a school
859 readiness program if a shorter term of operation is approved by the
860 commissioner.

861 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
862 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness
863 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council
864 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who
865 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school
866 readiness program located outside such region.

867 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
868 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
869 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the
870 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision
871 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

872 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this
873 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to
874 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such
875 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

876 Sec. 511. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the
877 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

878 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for
879 collaboration with other community programs and services, including
880 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate
881 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for
882 children of working parents and parents in education or training
883 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;
884 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name
885 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health
886 insurance company and information on whether the child is
887 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early
888 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program

889 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including
890 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for
891 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher
892 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family
893 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide
894 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;
895 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from
896 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other
897 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the
898 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer
899 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan
900 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,
901 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to
902 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for
903 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d, as
904 amended by this act; and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness
905 of the program. [On and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs
906 shall use the assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-
907 16s in conducting their annual evaluations.]

908 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
909 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
910 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
911 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

912 [(2)] (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2015, and each
913 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the [Department of
914 Education] Office of Early Childhood school readiness program
915 offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand
916 [three] six hundred [forty-six] seventy dollars.

917 [(3)] (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section
918 10-16p, as amended by this act, the [Department of Education] office
919 shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) for
920 the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year
921 thereafter, is a local or regional board of education that does not collect

922 preschool experience data using the preschool experience survey,
923 described in section 583 of this act, and make such data available for
924 inclusion in the public school information system, pursuant to section
925 10-10a, as amended by this act, (B) on or before January 1, 2004, first
926 entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness
927 services pursuant to this section and is not accredited on January 1,
928 2007, or [(B)] (C) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with
929 a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section
930 and does not become accredited by the date three years after the date
931 on which the provider first entered into such a contract, except that the
932 [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may grant an extension of
933 time for a school readiness program to become accredited or
934 reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the [Department of
935 Education] office conducts an on-site assessment of any such program
936 and maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform
937 manner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a list of
938 conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or
939 reaccredited, (ii) on or before June 30, 2014, the program is licensed by
940 the Department of Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter
941 368a, and on and after July 1, 2014, the program is licensed by the
942 office if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a
943 corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the
944 [Commissioner of Education] office, and (iv) the program meets such
945 other conditions as may be prescribed by the commissioner. During
946 the period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for
947 funding pursuant to [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

948 [(4)] (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care
949 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject
950 to such per child cost limitation.

951 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding
952 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a
953 school readiness program.

954 (d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application

955 to the [Department of Education] office on forms provided by the
956 [department] office for the purpose of seeking approval of a school
957 readiness schedule that varies from the minimum hours and number
958 of days provided for in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-
959 16p, as amended by this act, or from the definition of a year-round
960 program pursuant to subdivision [(7) of said] (6) of subsection (a) of
961 section 10-16p, as amended by this act. The [Department of Education]
962 office may [, in consultation with the Department of Social Services,]
963 approve any such waiver if the [departments find] office finds that the
964 proposed schedule meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of
965 section 10-16o concerning the development of school readiness
966 programs and maximizes available dollars to serve more children or
967 address community needs.

968 Sec. 512. Section 10-16r of the general statutes is repealed and the
969 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

970 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
971 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or section 10-16u shall convene
972 a local school readiness council or shall establish a regional school
973 readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any other
974 town may convene such a council. The chief elected official of the town
975 or, in the case of a regional school district, the chief elected officials of
976 the towns in the school district and the superintendent of schools for
977 the school district shall jointly appoint and convene such council. Each
978 school readiness council shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected
979 official, or the official's designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a
980 management level staff person as the superintendent's designee; (3)
981 parents; (4) representatives from local programs such as Head Start,
982 family resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child day care centers,
983 group day care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and
984 family day care home providers; (5) a representative from a health care
985 provider in the community; and (6) other representatives from the
986 community who provide services to children. The chief elected official
987 shall designate the chairperson of the school readiness council.

988 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
989 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
990 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
991 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this
992 act, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among
993 providers of school readiness programs; [(3) assist in the identification
994 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of
995 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority
996 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, the number of children not
997 being served by such a program and the estimated operating cost of
998 providing universal school readiness to eligible children in such
999 districts who are not being served; (4)] (3) submit biennial reports to
1000 the Department of Education on the number and location of school
1001 readiness spaces and estimates of [future needs; (5) submit biennial
1002 reports on factors identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
1003 subsection; (6)] the number of children not being served by school
1004 readiness programs and the estimated cost of providing spaces to all
1005 eligible children, as described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of
1006 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this
1007 act, in an accredited school readiness program or a school readiness
1008 program seeking accreditation; (4) cooperate with the department in
1009 any program evaluation and, on and after July 1, 2000, use measures
1010 developed pursuant to section 10-16s for purposes of evaluating the
1011 effectiveness of school readiness programs; [(7)] (5) identify existing
1012 and prospective resources and services available to children and
1013 families; [(8)] (6) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services
1014 to children and families, including (A) referral procedures, and (B)
1015 before and after-school child care for children attending kindergarten
1016 programs; [(9)] (7) exchange information with other councils, the
1017 community and organizations serving the needs of children and
1018 families; [(10)] (8) make recommendations to school officials
1019 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;
1020 and [(11)] (9) encourage public participation.

1021 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate

1022 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood
1023 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness
1024 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school
1025 districts, the regional school readiness council may apply for a grant
1026 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.
1027 The regional school readiness council may perform the duties outlined
1028 in subdivisions (2) to [(10)] (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this
1029 section.

1030 Sec. 513. Section 10-16u of the general statutes is repealed and the
1031 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1032 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2002] 2015, and each fiscal year
1033 thereafter, the Commissioner of [Education, in consultation with the
1034 Commissioner of Social Services,] Early Childhood shall provide
1035 grants, within available appropriations, to eligible school readiness
1036 program providers pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-16p, as
1037 amended by this act, to provide spaces in accredited school readiness
1038 programs for eligible children who reside in transitional school
1039 districts pursuant to section 10-263c, except for transitional school
1040 districts eligible for grants pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16p,
1041 as amended by this act. Under the program, the grant shall be
1042 provided to the town in which such transitional school district is
1043 located. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on
1044 a school district's designation as a transitional school district in the
1045 initial year of application, except that grants pursuant to this section
1046 shall not be provided for transitional school districts eligible for grants
1047 pursuant to subsection (c) of [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this
1048 act. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon available
1049 funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official
1050 of such town and the superintendent of schools for such transitional
1051 school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure of grant funds
1052 and responses to the local request for proposal process to the
1053 [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments shall
1054 jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of such

1055 plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall] commissioner.
1056 The commissioner shall review and approve such plans, provided such
1057 plans meet the requirements specified in subsection (c) of [said] section
1058 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1059 Sec. 514. Section 10-16w of the general statutes is repealed and the
1060 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1061 [Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education]
1062 The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall provide, within available
1063 appropriations, technical assistance and training to [school readiness
1064 programs] early childhood providers to assist in the [application of
1065 preschool curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of
1066 Education] implementation of the early learning and development
1067 standards developed by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to
1068 section 501 of this act.

1069 Sec. 515. Section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the
1070 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1071 (a) There is established the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet.
1072 The cabinet shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Early Childhood,
1073 or the commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Education, or
1074 the commissioner's designee, [(2) one representative from the
1075 Department of Education who is responsible for programs required
1076 under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et
1077 seq., as amended from time to time, appointed by the Commissioner of
1078 Education,] (3) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the
1079 commissioner's designee, (4) [a representative from an institution of
1080 higher education in this state appointed by] the president of the Board
1081 of Regents for Higher Education, or the president's designee, (5) the
1082 Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, (6) the
1083 Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's
1084 designee, (7) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
1085 commissioner's designee, (8) the executive director of the Commission
1086 on Children, or the executive director's designee, (9) the project

1087 director of the Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Office, (10) a
1088 parent or guardian of a child who attends or attended a school
1089 readiness program appointed by the minority leader of the House of
1090 Representatives, (11) a representative of a local provider of early
1091 childhood education appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
1092 (12) a representative of the Connecticut Family Resource Center
1093 Alliance appointed by the majority leader of the House of
1094 Representatives, (13) a representative of a state funded child care
1095 center appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (14) two
1096 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
1097 whom is a member of [the House of Representatives] a board of
1098 education for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in
1099 section 10-262u, and one of whom is a parent who has a child
1100 attending a school in [a priority school district] an educational reform
1101 district, as defined in section 10-262u, (15) two appointed by the
1102 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is [a member of the
1103 Senate] a representative of an association of early education and child
1104 care providers and one of whom is a representative of a public
1105 elementary school with a prekindergarten program, (16) [two] four
1106 appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of the
1107 Connecticut Head Start Association, [and] one of whom is a
1108 representative of the business [or philanthropic] community in this
1109 state, one of whom is a representative of the philanthropic community
1110 in this state and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
1111 State Employees Association, and (17) the Secretary of the Office of
1112 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. [The chairperson
1113 of the council shall be appointed from among its members by the
1114 Governor.]

1115 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall serve as a
1116 cochairperson of the cabinet. The other cochairperson of the cabinet
1117 shall be appointed from among its members by the Governor. The
1118 cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Members shall not be
1119 compensated for their services. Any member who fails to attend three
1120 consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all

1121 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
1122 resigned from the cabinet.

1123 [(b)] (c) Within available [appropriations and such private funding
1124 as may be available] resources, the Early Childhood [Education]
1125 Cabinet shall (1) [coordinate among state agencies, as well as public
1126 and private partnerships, the development of services that enhance the
1127 health, safety and learning of children from birth to nine years of age,
1128 inclusive] advise the Office of Early Childhood, established pursuant
1129 to section 501 of this act, (2) not later than December 1, 2009, and
1130 annually thereafter, develop an annual plan of action that assigns the
1131 appropriate state agency to complete the tasks specified in the federal
1132 Head Start Act of 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time to time,
1133 and (3) not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, submit an
1134 annual state-wide strategic report, pursuant to said federal Head Start
1135 Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, addressing the
1136 progress such agencies have made toward the completion of such tasks
1137 outlined under said federal Head Start Act and this subsection to the
1138 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
1139 having cognizance of matters relating to education and human
1140 services.

1141 [(c)] (d) The Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet shall be within
1142 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood for
1143 administrative purposes only.

1144 Sec. 516. Section 10-16aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1145 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1146 There is established an account to be known as the competitive
1147 district grant account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
1148 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
1149 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
1150 shall be expended by the Commissioner of [Education] Early
1151 Childhood for the purposes of providing grants to competitive school
1152 districts to make slots available in [preschool] school readiness

1153 programs. For purposes of this section, "competitive school district"
1154 means a school district described in [subdivision (1) of] subsection (d)
1155 of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, that has more than nine
1156 thousand students enrolled in schools in the district.

1157 Sec. 517. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood
1158 is designated as the state agency for the administration of the child
1159 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and
1160 Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

1161 Sec. 518. Section 17b-2 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
1162 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1163 *1, 2014*):

1164 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency
1165 for the administration of (1) [the child care development block grant
1166 pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990;
1167 (2)] the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant to the Low
1168 Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; [(3)] (2) the state plan for
1169 vocational rehabilitation services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
1170 1994; [(4)] (3) the refugee assistance program pursuant to the Refugee
1171 Act of 1980; [(5)] (4) the legalization impact assistance grant program
1172 pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; [(6)] (5)
1173 the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to the
1174 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
1175 1996; [(7)] (6) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Social
1176 Security Act; [(8)] (7) the supplemental nutrition assistance program
1177 pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; [(9)] (8) the state
1178 supplement to the Supplemental Security Income Program pursuant to
1179 the Social Security Act; [(10)] (9) the state child support enforcement
1180 plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; and [(11)] (10)
1181 the state social services plan for the implementation of the social
1182 services block grants and community services block grants pursuant to
1183 the Social Security Act.

1184 Sec. 519. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 17b-705a of the

1185 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1186 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1187 (c) On or after July 1, [2012] 2014, and monthly thereafter, the
1188 Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall compile a list
1189 of the names of family child care providers who have participated in
1190 the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section 17b-
1191 749, as amended by this act, within the previous six calendar months.
1192 Such list shall be considered a public record, as defined in section 1-
1193 200.

1194 (d) For purposes of sections 4-65a and 5-270 and subsection (a) of
1195 section 5-278, the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1196 Childhood shall be considered an executive branch employer and an
1197 organization representing family child care providers that has been
1198 designated by the State Board of Labor Relations, pursuant to section
1199 5-275 or subsection (g) of this section, as the exclusive bargaining agent
1200 of such providers, shall have the right to bargain [with the state]
1201 concerning the terms and conditions of participation of family child
1202 care providers in the program covered by this section, including, but
1203 not limited to, (1) state reimbursement rates, (2) benefits, (3) payment
1204 procedures, (4) contract grievance arbitration, and (5) training,
1205 professional development and other requirements and opportunities
1206 appropriate for family child care providers.

1207 (e) (1) If the organization representing family child care providers
1208 and the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood do
1209 not reach an agreement not later than one hundred fifty days after
1210 negotiations have begun, the parties shall jointly select an arbitrator.
1211 The arbitrator selected shall have experience as an impartial arbitrator
1212 of labor-management disputes, and shall not be an individual
1213 employed as an advocate or consultant for labor or management in
1214 labor-management disputes. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator
1215 not later than one hundred sixty days after negotiations have begun,
1216 the selection of the arbitrator shall be made using the procedures
1217 under the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration

1218 Association.

1219 (2) Each party shall submit to the arbitrator, and to each other, a
1220 proposal setting forth such party's position on how each of the
1221 unresolved issues shall be resolved.

1222 (3) The arbitrator shall convene a hearing to allow the parties to
1223 provide evidence and argument to the arbitrator. The parties shall
1224 have the right to submit written briefs to the arbitrator. The arbitration
1225 record shall be officially closed at the close of the hearing, or the
1226 arbitrator's receipt of briefs, whichever is later.

1227 (4) The arbitrator's authority is limited to selecting the complete
1228 proposal of one party or the other on any unresolved issue. The
1229 arbitrator shall issue an award not later than forty-five days after the
1230 close of the record.

1231 (5) The factors to be considered by the arbitrator in arriving at a
1232 decision are: (A) The nature and needs of the family child care
1233 program and the needs and welfare of parents and children served by
1234 that program, including interests in better recruitment, retention and
1235 quality with respect to the covered family child care provider; (B) the
1236 history of negotiations between the parties including those leading to
1237 the instant proceeding; (C) the existing conditions of employment of
1238 similar groups of workers; (D) changes in the cost of living; and (E) the
1239 interests and welfare of the covered family child care providers.

1240 (6) The costs of the arbitrator and any fees associated with the
1241 arbitration proceeding shall be shared equally by the parties.

1242 (7) Any agreement or award reached pursuant to this section shall
1243 be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by filing the
1244 agreement or award with the clerks of the House and Senate. No
1245 provision of any agreement or award resulting from the collective
1246 bargaining process which would require supercedence of any law or
1247 regulation shall take effect without affirmative legislative approval.

1248 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any
1249 provision in any agreement or award which would require an
1250 additional appropriation in order to maintain the levels of services
1251 provided by existing appropriations shall be presented to the General
1252 Assembly for approval in accordance with the budgetary process
1253 applicable to appropriations, including, but not limited to, affirmative
1254 legislative approval. Other provisions of the agreement or award shall
1255 be deemed approved unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of
1256 either house not later than thirty days after the filing with the clerk of
1257 that chamber, provided the thirty-day period shall not begin or expire
1258 unless the General Assembly is in regular session. Once approved by
1259 the General Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need
1260 not be resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part
1261 of a future agreement approval process unless changes in the language
1262 of such provision are negotiated by the parties.

1263 Sec. 520. Section 17b-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1265 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood may accept
1266 and receive, on behalf of the [Department of Social Services] Office of
1267 Early Childhood or on behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, established
1268 pursuant to section 17b-751, as amended by this act, any bequest or gift
1269 of personal property for services for a person who is, or members of
1270 whose immediate family are, receiving assistance or services from the
1271 [Department of Social Services, or both,] office or for services for a
1272 former recipient of assistance from the Department of Social Services
1273 or a potential recipient of assistance from the [Department of Social
1274 Services] office or for programs or services described in section 17b-
1275 751, as amended by this act. Any federal funds generated by virtue of
1276 any such bequest or gift may be used for the extension of services to
1277 such person or family members.

1278 Sec. 521. Section 17b-730 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1279 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1280 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood is
1281 authorized to take advantage of any federal statutes and regulations
1282 relating to child day care and shall have the power to administer any
1283 federally-assisted child day care program in the event that [said] such
1284 federal statutes or regulations require that [said] such federally-
1285 assisted program be administered by a single state agency.

1286 (b) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood is
1287 authorized to take advantage of Title V of Public Law 88-452, entitled
1288 "Economic Opportunity Act of 1964", with respect to providing work
1289 training, aid and assistance to persons eligible for state-administered
1290 general assistance or public assistance, and to administer the same in
1291 such manner as is required for the receipt of federal funds therefor.

1292 Sec. 522. Section 17b-733 of the 2014 supplement to the general
1293 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1294 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1295 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1296 be the lead agency for child day care services in Connecticut. The
1297 [department] office shall: (1) Identify, annually, existing child day care
1298 services and maintain an inventory of all available services; (2) provide
1299 technical assistance to corporations and private agencies in the
1300 development and expansion of child day care services for families at
1301 all income levels, including families of their employees and clients; (3)
1302 study and identify funding sources available for child day care
1303 including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and
1304 availability of liability insurance for child day care providers; (5)
1305 [provide, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and
1306 Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care providers
1307 including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing them to
1308 cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek private
1309 donations to fund such training; (6)] encourage child day care services
1310 to obtain accreditation; [(7)] (6) develop a range of financing options
1311 for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond
1312 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving

1313 loan program; [(8)] (7) promote the colocation of child day care and
1314 school readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; [(9)] (8) establish
1315 a performance-based evaluation system; [(10)] (9) develop for
1316 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures
1317 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support
1318 expanded child day care services; [(11)] (10) provide, within available
1319 funds and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance
1320 program, as defined in section 17b-680, and administered by the
1321 Department of Social Services, child day care to public assistance
1322 recipients; [(12)] (11) develop and implement, with the assistance of the
1323 [Departments of Public Health, Social Services, Education, Higher
1324 Education, Children and Families, Economic and Community
1325 Development and Consumer Protection, a state-wide coordinated
1326 child day care and early childhood education training system (A) for
1327 child day care centers, group day care homes and family day care
1328 homes that provide child day care services, and (B)] Early Childhood
1329 Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as amended by this
1330 act, a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide early childhood care
1331 and education system of professional development for providers and
1332 staff of early childhood care and education programs, including child
1333 day care centers, group day care homes and family day care homes
1334 that provide child day care services, that makes available to such
1335 providers and their staff, within available appropriations, scholarship
1336 assistance, career counseling and training [,] and advancement in
1337 career ladders, as defined in section 4-124bb; [, through seamless
1338 articulation of levels of training, program accreditation support and
1339 other initiatives recommended by the Departments of Social Services,
1340 Education and Higher Education; (13)] (12) plan and implement a unit
1341 cost reimbursement system for state-funded child day care services
1342 such that, on and after January 1, 2008, any increase in reimbursement
1343 shall be based on a requirement that such centers meet the staff
1344 qualifications, as defined in subsection (b) of section 10-16p, as
1345 amended by this act; [(14)] (13) develop, within available funds,
1346 initiatives to increase compensation paid to child day care providers
1347 for educational opportunities, including, but not limited to, (A)

1348 incentives for educational advancement paid to persons employed by
1349 child day care centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support
1350 for the establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner
1351 of apprenticeship programs for child day care workers pursuant to
1352 sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly
1353 administered by labor and management trustees; [(15)] (14) evaluate
1354 the effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision
1355 [(14)] (13) of this section in improving staff retention rates and the
1356 quality of education and care provided to children; and [(16)] (15)
1357 report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, in
1358 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of child
1359 day care in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of
1360 the allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the
1361 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the
1362 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;
1363 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and
1364 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-
1365 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and
1366 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age
1367 range of children served.

1368 Sec. 523. Section 17b-734 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1369 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1370 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall
1371 establish and administer a program of grants to municipalities and
1372 state agencies for the purpose of planning, site preparation,
1373 construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities for use as child care
1374 facilities to be used primarily by the children of employees of such
1375 municipalities or state agencies and other potential participants. If
1376 openings occur for other potential participants in such a child care
1377 facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below
1378 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income.

1379 Sec. 524. Subsection (a) of section 17b-735 of the general statutes is
1380 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

1381 1, 2014):

1382 (a) For the purposes described in section 17b-734, as amended by
1383 this act, and for the payment of any administrative expenses of the
1384 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood related
1385 thereto the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
1386 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
1387 series and principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate six million
1388 twenty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars, provided
1389 one million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000.

1390 Sec. 525. Section 17b-736 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1391 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1392 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall adopt
1393 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of
1394 sections 17b-734 and 17b-735, as amended by this act.

1395 Sec. 526. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1396 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1397 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education shall establish a
1398 program, within available appropriations, to provide grants to
1399 municipalities, boards of education and child care providers to
1400 encourage the use of school facilities for the provision of child day care
1401 services before and after school. In order to qualify for a grant, a
1402 municipality, board of education or child care provider shall guarantee
1403 the availability of a school site which meets the standards set on or
1404 before June 30, 2014, by the Department of Public Health and on and
1405 after July 1, 2014, by the Office of Early Childhood in regulations
1406 adopted under sections 19a-77, as amended by this act, 19a-79, as
1407 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-
1408 87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall agree to provide
1409 liability insurance coverage for the program. Grant funds shall be used
1410 by the municipality, board of education or child care provider for the
1411 maintenance and utility costs directly attributable to the use of the

1412 school facility for the day care program, for related transportation costs
1413 and for the portion of the municipality, board of education or child
1414 care provider liability insurance cost and other operational costs
1415 directly attributable to the day care program. The municipality or
1416 board of education may contract with a child day care provider for the
1417 program. The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education may adopt
1418 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
1419 purposes of this section. The commissioner may utilize available child
1420 care subsidies to implement the provisions of this section and
1421 encourage association and cooperation with the Head Start program
1422 established pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this act.

1423 Sec. 527. Section 17b-738 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1424 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1425 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall
1426 establish and administer a program of loans to business firms, as
1427 defined in subsection (a) of section 12-631, for the purpose of planning,
1428 site preparation, construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities,
1429 within the state, for use as licensed child day care centers, family day
1430 care homes or group day care homes to be used primarily by the
1431 children of employees of such corporations and children of employees
1432 of the municipalities in which such facilities are located. Such loans
1433 shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions as provided
1434 in regulations adopted by the [Commissioner of Social Services]
1435 commissioner, in accordance with chapter 54, shall be made for a
1436 period not to exceed five years and shall bear interest at a rate to be
1437 determined in accordance with subsection (t) of section 3-20.

1438 Sec. 528. Section 17b-739 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1439 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1440 Whenever the state (1) constructs, acquires or receives as a gift any
1441 office building which accommodates three hundred or more state
1442 employees, or (2) alters, repairs or makes additions to an existing state
1443 building which accommodates three hundred or more employees and

1444 such alterations, repairs or additions affect at least twenty-five per cent
1445 of the square footage of such building, the Department of
1446 Administrative Services shall notify the [Department of Social
1447 Services] Office of Early Childhood. The [Department of Social
1448 Services] office, with the assistance of the Department of
1449 Administrative Services, shall determine the need for child care
1450 services for the employees in such building and other potential
1451 participants. If a demonstrated need for child care exists for thirty or
1452 more children of such employees and other potential participants and
1453 such care is unavailable, the Department of Administrative Services
1454 shall set aside adequate space for child care facilities in such building.
1455 If openings occur for other potential participants in such a child care
1456 facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below
1457 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income. Such facilities shall
1458 meet all state licensure requirements. The provisions of this section
1459 shall not apply to correctional institutions.

1460 Sec. 529. Section 17b-749 of the 2014 supplement to the general
1461 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1462 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1463 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall
1464 establish and operate a child care subsidy program to increase the
1465 availability, affordability and quality of child care services for families
1466 with a parent or caretaker who is working, attending high school or
1467 who receives cash assistance under the temporary family assistance
1468 program from the Department of Social Services and is participating in
1469 an approved education, training, or other job preparation activity.
1470 Services available under the child care program shall include the
1471 provision of child care subsidies for children under the age of thirteen
1472 or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The
1473 [department] Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain
1474 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer
1475 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The
1476 [department] office shall issue a notice on the [department's] office's

1477 Internet web site and shall provide written notice to recipients of
1478 program benefits and to service providers any time the [department]
1479 office closes the program to new applications, changes eligibility
1480 requirements, changes program benefits or makes any other change to
1481 the program's status or terms, provided the [department] office shall
1482 not be required to issue such notice when the [department] office
1483 expands program eligibility. Any change in the [department's] office's
1484 acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements, program
1485 benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms for which
1486 the [department] office is required to give notice pursuant to this
1487 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the
1488 [department] office issues such notice.

1489 (b) The commissioner shall establish income standards for
1490 applicants and recipients at a level to include a family with gross
1491 income up to fifty per cent of the state-wide median income, except the
1492 commissioner (1) may increase the income level to up to seventy-five
1493 per cent of the state-wide median income, (2) upon the request of the
1494 Commissioner of Children and Families, may waive the income
1495 standards for adoptive families so that children adopted on or after
1496 October 1, 1999, from the Department of Children and Families are
1497 eligible for the child care subsidy program, and (3) on and after March
1498 1, 2003, shall reduce the income eligibility level to up to fifty-five per
1499 cent of the state-wide median income for applicants and recipients
1500 who qualify based on their loss of eligibility for temporary family
1501 assistance. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
1502 with chapter 54 to establish income criteria and durational
1503 requirements for such waiver of income standards.

1504 (c) The commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of
1505 Social Services, shall establish eligibility and program standards
1506 including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and eligibility
1507 system with preference given to serving recipients of temporary family
1508 assistance who are employed or engaged in employment activities
1509 under the [department's] Department of Social Services' "Jobs First"

1510 program, working families whose temporary family assistance was
1511 discontinued not more than five years prior to the date of application
1512 for the child care subsidy program, teen parents, low-income working
1513 families, adoptive families of children who were adopted from the
1514 Department of Children and Families and who are granted a waiver of
1515 income standards under subdivision (2) of subsection (b), and working
1516 families who are at risk of welfare dependency; (2) health and safety
1517 standards for child care providers not required to be licensed; (3) a
1518 reimbursement system for child care services which account for
1519 differences in the age of the child, number of children in the family, the
1520 geographic region and type of care provided by licensed and
1521 unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of services provided by
1522 licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful completion of fifteen
1523 hours of annual in-service training or credentialing of child care
1524 directors and administrators, and program accreditation; (4)
1525 supplemental payment for special needs of the child and extended
1526 nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process for providers
1527 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which
1528 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding
1529 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative
1530 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate
1531 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover
1532 overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and payment
1533 eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care subsidy
1534 experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other
1535 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy
1536 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in
1537 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with
1538 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be
1539 issued annually by the [Department of Social Services] office to the
1540 Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with [subdivision
1541 (10) of] section 17b-733, as amended by this act. Such action will
1542 include, but not be limited to, family income, age of child, region of
1543 state and length of time on such waiting list.

1544 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 2011, an applicant determined to be
1545 eligible for program benefits shall remain eligible for such benefits for
1546 a period of not less than eight months from the date that such
1547 applicant is determined to be eligible, provided the [commissioner]
1548 Commissioner of Social Services has not determined, during such
1549 eight-month period, that the applicant's circumstances have changed
1550 so as to render the applicant ineligible for program benefits. The
1551 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall not make an
1552 eligibility determination for a recipient of program benefits more than
1553 one time per eight-month period, except as provided in subsection (f)
1554 of this section.

1555 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Early Childhood
1556 shall succeed the Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of
1557 making the eligibility determinations pursuant to subdivision (1) of
1558 this subsection.

1559 (e) Within available appropriations, a recipient of program benefits
1560 who takes unpaid leave from such recipient's employment due to the
1561 birth or impending birth of a child shall be granted not more than six
1562 weeks of payment eligibility during the leave if: (1) The recipient
1563 intends to return to work at the end of the unpaid leave; (2) the
1564 recipient verifies that eligibility is needed to prevent the loss of a slot
1565 in a school-based program or licensed child care setting; and (3) the
1566 child receiving child care services under the program continues to
1567 attend the program during the recipient's leave.

1568 (f) (1) Not later than October 15, 2011, the [commissioner]
1569 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance
1570 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
1571 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
1572 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
1573 concerning eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis.
1574 Such report shall include an analysis of overpayments of program
1575 benefits made by the [department] Department of Social Services and
1576 administrative costs incurred by the department as a result of

1577 eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and
1578 after October 15, 2011, and until June 30, 2014, the [commissioner]
1579 Commissioner of Social Services may make eligibility redeterminations
1580 on a six-month basis if, after January 1, 2011, the department's
1581 overpayments of program benefits have increased in comparison with
1582 the period between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010, as a result
1583 of having an eight-month eligibility redetermination period.

1584 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
1585 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall submit a report, in accordance
1586 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
1587 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
1588 services and appropriations concerning eligibility redeterminations
1589 made on an eight-month basis. Such report shall include an analysis of
1590 overpayments of program benefits made by the office and
1591 administrative costs incurred by the office as a result of eligibility
1592 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and after July 1,
1593 2014, the commissioner may make eligibility redeterminations on a six-
1594 month basis if the office's overpayments of program benefits have
1595 increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010, and
1596 December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility
1597 redetermination period.

1598 (g) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies
1599 for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care
1600 services for recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such
1601 services until informed by the [Department of Social Services] office of
1602 the recipient's ineligibility.

1603 (h) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt
1604 from licensing shall provide the [Department of Social Services] office
1605 with the following information in order to maintain eligibility for
1606 reimbursement: (1) The name, address, appropriate identification,
1607 Social Security number and telephone number of the provider and all
1608 adults who work for or reside at the location where care is provided;
1609 (2) the name and address of the child's doctor, primary care provider

1610 and health insurance company; (3) whether the child is immunized
1611 and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early and Periodic
1612 Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program under 42 USC
1613 1396d; and (4) the number of children cared for by the provider.

1614 (i) On or after [January 1, 1998] July 1, 2014, the commissioner shall
1615 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1616 implement the provisions of this section.

1617 (j) The commissioner shall submit to the joint standing committees
1618 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1619 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a
1620 copy of the Child Care and Development Fund Plan that the
1621 commissioner submits to the Administration for Children and Families
1622 pursuant to federal law. The copy of the plan shall be submitted to the
1623 committees not later than thirty days after submission of the plan to
1624 the Administration for Children and Families.

1625 Sec. 530. Section 17b-749a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1626 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1627 (a) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood shall
1628 establish, within available appropriations, a program to (1) purchase
1629 directly or provide subsidies to parents to purchase child day care
1630 services provided by any elementary or secondary school, nursery
1631 school, preschool, day care center, group day care home, family day
1632 care home, family resource center, Head Start program, or local or
1633 regional board of education, provided, if the commissioner purchases
1634 such services directly, he or she shall give preference to purchasing
1635 from providers of full-day and year-round programs; and (2) award
1636 grants to providers of school readiness programs, as defined in section
1637 10-16p, as amended by this act, to increase the hours of operation of
1638 their programs in order to provide child care for children attending
1639 such programs. The commissioner, for purposes of subdivision (1) of
1640 this subsection, may model the program on the program established
1641 pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act.

1642 (b) No funds received by a provider pursuant to this section shall be
1643 used to supplant federal funding received for early childhood
1644 education on behalf of children in an early childhood education
1645 program.

1646 (c) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner shall: (1)
1647 Coordinate the development of a range of alternative programs to
1648 meet the needs of all children; (2) foster partnerships between school
1649 districts and private organizations; (3) provide information and
1650 assistance to parents in selecting an appropriate school readiness
1651 program; and (4) work to ensure, to the extent possible, that school
1652 readiness programs allow open enrollment for all children and allow
1653 families receiving benefits for such a program to choose a public or
1654 accredited private program.

1655 Sec. 531. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17b-749c of the general
1656 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1657 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1658 (a) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood shall
1659 establish a program, within available appropriations, to provide, on a
1660 competitive basis, supplemental quality enhancement grants to
1661 providers of child day care services or providers of school readiness
1662 programs pursuant to section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and
1663 section 10-16u, as amended by this act. Child day care providers and
1664 school readiness programs may apply for a supplemental quality
1665 enhancement grant at such time and on such form as the
1666 [Commissioner of Education] commissioner prescribes. Effective July
1667 1, [2011] 2014, the commissioner shall make funds payable to providers
1668 under such grants on a prospective basis.

1669 (b) Priority for such grants shall be given to programs that are: (1)
1670 Included in a local school readiness plan; (2) full-day, year-round
1671 programs; and (3) accredited, as defined in subdivision (4) of
1672 subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1673 Sec. 532. Section 17b-749d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1674 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1675 Each licensed child day care provider receiving funding directly
1676 from the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood
1677 shall adopt a sliding fee scale based on family income. The
1678 Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall develop a
1679 minimum sliding fee scale which may be adjusted upward by each
1680 such licensed day care program. All income derived from such fees
1681 shall be used to support the child day care program.

1682 Sec. 533. Section 17b-749e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1683 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1684 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1685 establish and fund five regional accreditation projects, within available
1686 appropriations. The [department] office shall select qualified
1687 applicants for each region through a request for proposal process. The
1688 [department] office shall give priority to child day care facilities where
1689 at least twenty per cent of the children live with families earning less
1690 than seventy-five per cent of the state median income level.

1691 Sec. 534. Section 17b-749f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1692 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1693 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services, in consultation with the
1694 Commissioner of Education,] Early Childhood shall develop and
1695 implement a performance-based evaluation system to evaluate
1696 licensed child day care centers, within available appropriations. Such a
1697 performance-based evaluation system shall be similar to the Head
1698 Start Performance Standards in 45 CFR 1304.

1699 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall
1700 conduct, within available appropriations, a longitudinal study that
1701 examines the developmental progress of children and their families
1702 both during and following participation in a child day care program.

1703 (c) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall report
1704 to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, on or
1705 before January 1, [1998] 2015, on the implementation of the
1706 performance-based evaluation system and on the longitudinal study,
1707 and annually thereafter on the cumulative results of the evaluations.

1708 Sec. 535. Section 17b-749g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1709 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1710 (a) There is established a child care facilities loan guarantee
1711 program for the purpose of guaranteeing loans for the expansion or
1712 development of child care and child development centers in the state.
1713 The program shall contain any moneys required by law to be
1714 deposited in the program, including, but not limited to, any moneys
1715 appropriated by the state, premiums and fees for guaranteeing loans,
1716 and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of collateral
1717 relating to loan guarantees. Any balance remaining in the program at
1718 the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the program for
1719 the fiscal year next succeeding. The program shall be used to guarantee
1720 loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and to pay reasonable
1721 and necessary expenses incurred for administration under this section.
1722 The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may enter into a
1723 contract with a quasi-public agency, banking institution or nonprofit
1724 corporation to provide for the administration of the program, provided
1725 no loan guarantee shall be made from the program without the
1726 authorization of the commissioner as provided in subsection (b) of this
1727 section. The total aggregate amount of guarantees from the program,
1728 with respect to the insured portions of the loan, may not exceed at any
1729 one time an amount equal to three times the balance in the guarantee
1730 program.

1731 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1732 Education] commissioner, may guarantee the repayment of loans,
1733 including, but not limited to, principal and interest, to a lending
1734 institution that has provided funding for the construction,
1735 reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of child care and child

1736 development facilities. The total aggregate of any loan guarantee
1737 under this section shall be not less than twenty per cent and shall not
1738 exceed fifty per cent of the principal amount of the obligation, as
1739 determined by approved underwriting standards approved by the
1740 commissioner, and upon such terms and conditions as the
1741 commissioner may prescribe. The term of any loan guarantee shall be
1742 determined by the useful life of the improvement but in no event shall
1743 exceed thirty years. The commissioner shall arrange by contract with
1744 each lending institution or the borrower to safeguard the interests of
1745 the program in the event of a default by the borrower, including, at the
1746 discretion of the commissioner, provision for notice to the program of
1747 default by the borrower, for foreclosure or other realization upon any
1748 security for the loan, for the time and conditions for payment to the
1749 lending institution by the program of the amount of any loss to the
1750 lending institution guaranteed by the program and for the disposition
1751 of the proceeds realized from any security for the loan guaranteed.
1752 When it appears desirable for a temporary period upon default or
1753 threatened default by the borrower, the commissioner may authorize
1754 payments of installments of principal or interest, or both, from the
1755 program to the lending institution, and of taxes and insurance, which
1756 payments shall be repaid under such conditions as the program may
1757 prescribe and the program may also agree to revise terms of financing
1758 when such appears pertinent. Upon request of the lending institution,
1759 the commissioner may at any time, under such equitable terms and
1760 conditions as it may prescribe, consent to the release of the borrower
1761 from his liability under the loan or consent to the release of parts of
1762 any secured property from the lien of the lending institution.

1763 (c) Priority for loan guarantees shall be given to financing child care
1764 centers and child development centers that (1) have obtained
1765 accreditation from the National Association for the Education of
1766 Young Children or have an application pending for such accreditation,
1767 and (2) are included in a local school readiness plan, and (3) shall
1768 promote the colocation of programs endorsed by the [Commissioners
1769 of Education and Social Services] commissioner pursuant to section 4b-

1770 31. School readiness programs, licensed child care providers or
1771 nonprofit developers of a child care center operating under a legally
1772 enforceable agreement with child care providers are eligible for such
1773 guaranteed loans.

1774 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt
1775 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1776 establish procedures and qualifications for application for guarantees
1777 under this section.

1778 Sec. 536. Section 17b-749h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1779 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1780 (a) There is established a program to be known as the "child care
1781 facilities direct revolving loan program". The program shall contain
1782 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the program,
1783 including, but not limited to, any moneys appropriated by the state,
1784 premiums, fees, interest payments and principal payments on direct
1785 loans and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of
1786 collateral relating to direct loans. Any balance remaining in the
1787 program at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the
1788 program for the next succeeding fiscal year. The program shall be used
1789 to make loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to make loan
1790 guarantees and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in
1791 administering loans and loan guarantees under this section. The
1792 Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may enter into a
1793 contract with a quasi-public agency, banking institution or nonprofit
1794 corporation to provide for the administration of the loan program,
1795 provided no loan or loan guarantee shall be made from the fund
1796 without the authorization of the commissioner as provided in
1797 subsection (b) of this section.

1798 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1799 Education] commissioner, may enter into a contract to provide
1800 financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans, deferred loans or
1801 guaranteed loans to child care providers or to nonprofit developers of

1802 a child care facility operating under a legally enforceable agreement
1803 with a child care provider, for costs or expenses incurred and directly
1804 connected with the expansion, improvement or development of child
1805 care facilities. Such costs and expenses may include: (1) Advances of
1806 loan proceeds for direct loans; (2) expenses incurred in project
1807 planning and design, including architectural expenses; (3) legal and
1808 financial expenses; (4) expenses incurred in obtaining required permits
1809 and approvals; (5) options to purchase land; (6) expenses incurred in
1810 obtaining required insurance; (7) expenses incurred in meeting state
1811 and local child care standards; (8) minor renovations and upgrading
1812 child care facilities to meet such standards and loans for the purpose of
1813 obtaining licensure under section 19a-77, as amended by this act; (9)
1814 purchase and installation of equipment, machinery and furniture,
1815 including equipment needed to accommodate children with special
1816 needs; and (10) other preliminary expenses authorized by the
1817 commissioner. Loan proceeds shall not be used for the refinancing of
1818 existing loans, working capital, supplies or inventory.

1819 (c) The amount of a direct loan under this section may be up to
1820 eighty per cent of the total amount of investment but shall not exceed
1821 twenty-five thousand dollars for such facility as determined by the
1822 commissioner except [that] if an applicant for a loan under this section
1823 has an existing loan that is guaranteed by the child care facilities loan
1824 guarantee program, established under section 17b-749g, as amended
1825 by this act, the direct loan provided under this section shall not exceed
1826 twenty per cent of the investment. The amount of any guarantee and a
1827 direct loan under this section shall not exceed eighty per cent.

1828 (d) Each provider applying for a loan under this section shall submit
1829 an application, on a form provided by the commissioner that shall
1830 include, but is not limited to, the following information: (1) A detailed
1831 description of the proposed or existing child care facility; (2) an
1832 itemization of known and estimated costs; (3) the total amount of
1833 investment required to expand or develop the child care facility; (4) the
1834 funds available to the applicant without financial assistance from the

1835 [department] office; (5) the amount of financial assistance sought from
1836 the [department] office; (6) information relating to the financial status
1837 of the applicant, including, if available, a current balance sheet, a profit
1838 and loss statement and credit references; and (7) evidence that the loan
1839 applicant shall, as of the loan closing, own, have an option to purchase
1840 or have a lease for the term of the loan. Security for the loan may
1841 include an assignment of the lease or other subordination of any
1842 mortgage and the borrower shall be in default if the loan is not used
1843 for the intended purpose.

1844 (e) Payments of principal and interest on such loans shall be paid to
1845 the State Treasurer for deposit in the child care facilities direct
1846 revolving loan program established in subsection (a) of this section.

1847 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] commissioner may adopt
1848 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions
1849 of this section. Such regulations may clarify loan procedures,
1850 repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedy
1851 provisions, and such other terms and conditions as [said] the
1852 commissioner shall deem appropriate.

1853 Sec. 537. Section 17b-749i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1854 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1855 Within appropriations available to the State Treasurer for child care
1856 facilities, not already allocated toward debt service for specific child
1857 care facilities, the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may,
1858 upon submission of a request by a facility operating a child care
1859 program that is financed with tax-exempt or taxable bonds issued
1860 through the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority,
1861 allow actual debt service, comprised of principal, interest and
1862 premium, if any, on the loan or loans, a debt service reserve fund and a
1863 reasonable repair and replacement reserve to be paid, provided such
1864 debt service terms and amounts are determined by the commissioner,
1865 at the time the loan is entered into, to be reasonable in relation to the
1866 useful life and base value of the property.

1867 Sec. 538. Section 17b-749j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1868 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1869 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall
1870 establish health and safety standards, within available appropriations,
1871 for the child care subsidy program. The commissioner shall adopt
1872 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, which shall include, but not
1873 be limited to, the following: (1) A requirement for the provider or
1874 relative to apply for reimbursement from the [Department of Social
1875 Services] Office of Early Childhood; (2) a requirement for the provider
1876 or relative to provide reasonable confirmation of physical premises
1877 safety pursuant to 45 CFR Part 98.41; and (3) minimum health and
1878 safety training appropriate to the provider setting and the prevention
1879 and control of infectious diseases, including immunization. The
1880 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, distribute
1881 information on the availability of health and safety training and
1882 assistance.

1883 Sec. 539. Section 17b-749k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1884 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1885 (a) The Commissioner of [Social Services] Early Childhood shall,
1886 within available appropriations, require any person, other than a
1887 relative, providing child care services to a child in the child's home
1888 who receives a child care subsidy from the [Department of Social
1889 Services] Office of Early Childhood to submit to state and national
1890 criminal history records checks. The criminal history records checks
1891 required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance
1892 with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the
1893 state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.

1894 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall have
1895 the discretion to refuse payments for child care under any financial
1896 assistance program administered by him or her if the person providing
1897 such child care has been convicted in this state or any other state of a
1898 felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the use, attempted use

1899 or threatened use of physical force against another person, of cruelty to
1900 persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing
1901 morals of children under section 53-21, abandonment of children
1902 under the age of six years under section 53-23 or any felony where the
1903 victim of the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or of a
1904 violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or
1905 53a-73a, or has a criminal record or was the subject of a substantiated
1906 report of child abuse in this state or any other state that the
1907 commissioner reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to
1908 provide child care.

1909 Sec. 540. Section 17b-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1910 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1911 No child care subsidy shall be paid to an unlicensed child care
1912 provider if such provider has been convicted of any crime involving
1913 sexual assault of a minor or serious physical injury to a minor or any
1914 crime committed in any other state or jurisdiction the essential
1915 elements of which are substantially the same as such crimes. If the
1916 [commissioner] Commissioner of Early Childhood has reason to
1917 believe that a provider of child care services has been so convicted, the
1918 commissioner may demand that such provider be subject to state and
1919 national criminal history records checks. If criminal history records
1920 checks are required pursuant to this section, such checks shall be
1921 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

1922 Sec. 541. Section 17b-751 of the 2014 supplement to the general
1923 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1924 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1925 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of
1926 which shall be used by the Commissioner of [Social Services] Early
1927 Childhood to fund programs aimed at preventing child abuse and
1928 neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is intended to be in
1929 addition to those resources that would otherwise be appropriated by
1930 the state for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect

1931 and family resource programs. The commissioner may apply for and
1932 accept any federal funds which are available for a Children's Trust
1933 Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner required by
1934 federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and gifts made
1935 pursuant to section 17a-18. The commissioner may solicit and accept
1936 funds, on behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the
1937 prevention of child abuse and neglect and family resource programs.
1938 The [Commissioner of Social Services] commissioner shall adopt
1939 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1940 administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements for programs
1941 seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive funds from the
1942 Children's Trust Fund.

1943 (b) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
1944 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
1945 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the
1946 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
1947 services, public health and education concerning the source and
1948 amount of funds received by the Children's Trust Fund, and the
1949 manner in which such funds were administered and disbursed.

1950 Sec. 542. Section 17b-751d of the 2014 supplement to the general
1951 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1952 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1953 [(a) The Department of Social Services] The Office of Early
1954 Childhood shall be the lead state agency for community-based,
1955 prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen
1956 and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect. The
1957 responsibilities of the [department] office shall include, but not be
1958 limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools
1959 and community service organizations, to: (1) Initiate programs to
1960 support families at risk for child abuse or neglect; (2) assist
1961 organizations to recognize child abuse and neglect; (3) encourage
1962 community safety; (4) increase broad-based efforts to prevent child
1963 abuse and neglect; (5) create a network of agencies to advance child

1964 abuse and neglect prevention; and (6) increase public awareness of
1965 child abuse and neglect issues. The [department] office, subject to
1966 available state, federal and private funding, shall be responsible for
1967 implementing and maintaining programs and services, including, but
1968 not limited to: (A) The Nurturing Families Network, established
1969 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) Family
1970 Empowerment Initiative programs; (C) Help Me Grow; (D) [the
1971 Kinship Fund and Grandparent's Respite Fund; (E)] Family School
1972 Connection; [(F)] (E) support services for residents of a respite group
1973 home for girls; [(G) legal services on behalf of indigent children; (H)]
1974 (E) volunteer services; [(I)] (G) family development training; [(J)] (H)
1975 shaken baby syndrome prevention; and [(K)] (I) child sexual abuse
1976 prevention.

1977 [(b) Not later than sixty days after October 5, 2009, the
1978 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with
1979 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
1980 Assembly, having cognizance of matters relating to human services
1981 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the
1982 integration of the duties described in subsection (a) of this section into
1983 the department.]

1984 Sec. 543. Section 17b-751e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1985 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1986 Any order, regulation or contract of the Children's Trust Fund
1987 Council agency or the Department of Social Services that is in force on
1988 [September 1, 2009] July 1, 2014, shall continue in force and effect as an
1989 order, regulation or contract of the [Department of Social Services]
1990 Office of Early Childhood until amended, repealed or superseded
1991 pursuant to law.

1992 Sec. 544. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the
1993 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
1994 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1995 (11) The [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood
1996 for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care
1997 for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, as
1998 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, or 19a-87b, as
1999 amended by this act; (B) determining the suitability of such person for
2000 licensure; or (C) an investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-
2001 80f, as amended by this act;

2002 Sec. 545. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2003 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2004 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
2005 this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this
2006 act, "child day care services" shall include:

2007 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of
2008 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children
2009 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

2010 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of
2011 supplementary care (A) to not less than seven or more than twelve
2012 related or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the
2013 definition of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility
2014 other than a private family home;

2015 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family
2016 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's
2017 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for
2018 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-
2019 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis
2020 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not
2021 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for
2022 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the
2023 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are
2024 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be
2025 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children

2026 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be
2027 permitted;

2028 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours
2029 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

2030 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty
2031 weeks per year.

2032 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall
2033 not include such services which are:

2034 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered
2035 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school
2036 building;

2037 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with
2038 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is
2039 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
2040 Education;

2041 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than
2042 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer
2043 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two
2044 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports
2045 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs
2046 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

2047 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal
2048 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the
2049 relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood
2050 or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child,
2051 grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or
2052 uncle;

2053 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or
2054 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently

2055 where the parents are on the premises;

2056 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail
2057 establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child
2058 for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care
2059 operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child
2060 day care center;

2061 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'
2062 and girls' club;

2063 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious
2064 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians
2065 are members of such religious institution;

2066 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based
2067 nonprofit youth development and environmental education
2068 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal
2069 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs
2070 are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2071 Childhood to provide child day care services;

2072 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with
2073 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that
2074 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of
2075 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

2076 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-
2077 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age
2078 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents
2079 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such
2080 programs are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office
2081 of Early Childhood to provide child day care services.

2082 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined
2083 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional
2084 registration or license to provide any such services at the same facility.

2085 (d) When a licensee has vacated premises approved by the
2086 [department] office for the provision of child day care services and the
2087 landlord of such licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the
2088 [department] office that such licensee has no legal right or interest to
2089 such approved premises, the [department] office may make a
2090 determination with respect to an application for a new license for the
2091 provision of child day care services at such premises.

2092 Sec. 546. Section 19a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2093 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2094 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall
2095 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
2096 carry out the purposes of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2097 amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by
2098 this act, and to assure that child day care centers and group day care
2099 homes shall meet the health, educational and social needs of children
2100 utilizing such child day care centers and group day care homes. Such
2101 regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to attend any
2102 child day care center or group day care home, each child shall be
2103 protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against
2104 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,
2105 hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the
2106 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f,
2107 including appropriate exemptions for children for whom such
2108 immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose
2109 parents object to such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify
2110 conditions under which child day care center directors and teachers
2111 and group day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
2112 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
2113 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
2114 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving
2115 child day care services at such child day care center or group day care
2116 home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice
2117 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or

2118 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to
2119 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant
2120 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written
2121 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an
2122 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed
2123 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after
2124 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall
2125 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor
2126 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's
2127 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,
2128 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the
2129 activities of the children, (4) specify that a child day care center or
2130 group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide
2131 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, (5)
2132 establish appropriate child day care center staffing requirements for
2133 employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American
2134 Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety
2135 Council, American Safety and Health Institute or Medic First Aid
2136 International, Inc., (6) specify that on and after January 1, 2003, a child
2137 day care center or group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a
2138 child on the basis of a child's known or suspected allergy or because a
2139 child has a prescription for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or
2140 similar automatic injectable equipment used to treat an allergic
2141 reaction, or for injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, (B)
2142 shall, not later than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a
2143 center or home, have staff trained in the use of such equipment on-site
2144 during all hours when such a child is on-site, (C) shall require such
2145 child's parent or guardian to provide the injector or injectable
2146 equipment and a copy of the prescription for such medication and
2147 injector or injectable equipment upon enrollment of such child, and (D)
2148 shall require a parent or guardian enrolling such a child to replace
2149 such medication and equipment prior to its expiration date, and (7)
2150 specify that on and after January 1, 2005, a child day care center or
2151 group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis
2152 of a child's diagnosis of asthma or because a child has a prescription

2153 for an inhalant medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than
2154 three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home,
2155 have staff trained in the administration of such medication on-site
2156 during all hours when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical
2157 plant requirements for licensed child day care centers and licensed
2158 group day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children.
2159 When establishing such requirements, the [department] Office of Early
2160 Childhood shall give consideration to child day care centers and group
2161 day care homes that are located in private or public school buildings.
2162 With respect to this subdivision only, the commissioner shall
2163 implement policies and procedures necessary to implement the
2164 physical plant requirements established pursuant to this subdivision
2165 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in
2166 regulation form. Until replaced by policies and procedures
2167 implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical plant
2168 requirement specified in the [department's] office's regulations that is
2169 generally applicable to child day care centers and group day care
2170 homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and group day
2171 care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The
2172 commissioner shall print notice of the intent to adopt regulations
2173 pursuant to this subdivision in the Connecticut Law Journal not later
2174 than twenty days after the date of implementation of such policies and
2175 procedures. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this
2176 subdivision shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

2177 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner may adopt
2178 regulations, pursuant to chapter 54, to establish civil penalties of not
2179 more than one hundred dollars per day for each day of violation and
2180 other disciplinary remedies that may be imposed, following a
2181 contested-case hearing, upon the holder of a license issued under
2182 section 19a-80, as amended by this act, to operate a child day care
2183 center or group day care home or upon the holder of a license issued
2184 under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, to operate a family day
2185 care home.

2186 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall exempt
2187 Montessori schools accredited by the American Montessori Society or
2188 the Association Montessori Internationale from any provision in
2189 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which
2190 sets requirements on group size or child to staff ratios or the provision
2191 of cots.

2192 Sec. 547. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2193 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2194 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2195 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2196 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued
2197 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
2198 this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.
2199 Applications for such license shall be made to the Commissioner of
2200 [Public Health] Early Childhood on forms provided by the
2201 commissioner and shall contain the information required by
2202 regulations adopted under said sections. The forms shall contain a
2203 notice that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance
2204 with section 53a-157b.

2205 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the
2206 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall issue such license
2207 if, upon inspection and investigation, said commissioner finds that the
2208 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational
2209 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or
2210 group day care home and comply with requirements established by
2211 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2212 amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as
2213 amended by this act. The commissioner shall offer an expedited
2214 application review process for an application submitted by a municipal
2215 agency or department. The commissioner shall have discretion to
2216 determine whether a change of operator, ownership or location request
2217 from a currently licensed person or entity, as described in subsection
2218 (a) of this section, shall require the filing of a new license application

2219 from such person or entity. Each license shall be for a term of four
2220 years, shall be nontransferable, and may be renewed upon receipt by
2221 the commissioner of a renewal application and accompanying
2222 licensure fee. The commissioner may suspend or revoke such license
2223 after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in section
2224 19a-84, as amended by this act, for violation of the regulations adopted
2225 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2226 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.

2227 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall collect
2228 from the licensee of a day care center a fee of five hundred dollars
2229 prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. The
2230 commissioner shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home
2231 a fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license
2232 for a term of four years. The commissioner shall require only one
2233 license for a child day care center operated in two or more buildings,
2234 provided the same licensee provides child day care services in each
2235 building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous
2236 playground that is part of the licensed space.

2237 (3) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall make
2238 an unannounced visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed
2239 child day care center and group day care home at least once each year.
2240 At least once every two years, the local health director, or the local
2241 health director's designee, shall make an inspection of each licensed
2242 child day care center and group day care home.

2243 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within
2244 available appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a
2245 child day care center or group day care home in a position requiring
2246 the provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal
2247 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
2248 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
2249 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state
2250 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant
2251 to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, the

2252 Department of Social Services may agree to transfer funds
2253 appropriated for criminal history records checks to the [Department of
2254 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The commissioner shall
2255 notify each licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

2256 (d) The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain
2257 language summary provided not later than sixty days after the
2258 regulation's effective date, of new or changed regulations adopted
2259 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, or
2260 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, with
2261 which a licensee must comply.

2262 Sec. 548. Section 19a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2263 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2264 (a) As used in this section, "facility" means a child day care center, a
2265 group day care home and a family day care home, as defined in section
2266 19a-77, as amended by this act, and a youth camp, as defined in section
2267 19a-420.

2268 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
2269 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
2270 designee, shall provide to the [Department of Public Health] Office of
2271 Early Childhood all records concerning reports and investigations of
2272 child abuse or neglect that have been reported to, or are being
2273 investigated by, the Department of Children and Families pursuant to
2274 section 17a-101g, including records of any administrative hearing held
2275 pursuant to section 17a-101k: (1) Occurring at any facility, and (2) by
2276 any staff member or licensee of any facility and by any household
2277 member of any family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2278 amended by this act, irrespective of where the abuse or neglect
2279 occurred.

2280 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the [Department
2281 of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood shall jointly investigate
2282 reports of abuse or neglect occurring at any facility. All information,

2283 records and reports concerning such investigation shall be shared
2284 between agencies as part of the investigative process.

2285 (d) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall
2286 compile a listing of allegations of violations that have been
2287 substantiated by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2288 Childhood concerning a facility during the prior three-year period. The
2289 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall disclose
2290 information contained in the listing to any person who requests it,
2291 provided the information may be disclosed pursuant to sections 17a-
2292 101g and 17a-101k and does not identify children or family members
2293 of those children.

2294 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2295 Commissioner of Children and Families has made a finding
2296 substantiating abuse or neglect: (1) That occurred at a facility, or (2) by
2297 any staff member or licensee of any facility, or by any household
2298 member of any family day care home and such finding is included on
2299 the state child abuse or neglect registry, maintained by the Department
2300 of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101k, such finding
2301 may be included in the listing compiled by the [Department of Public
2302 Health] Office of Early Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this
2303 section and may be disclosed to the public by the [Department of
2304 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.

2305 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2306 Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-101j,
2307 has notified the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2308 Childhood of a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect at a
2309 facility and if such child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves (1) the
2310 death of a child; (2) the risk of serious physical injury or emotional
2311 harm of a child; (3) the serious physical harm of a child; (4) the arrest
2312 of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child; (5) a petition filed by the
2313 Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-112 or
2314 46b-129; or (6) sexual abuse of a child, the Commissioner of [Public
2315 Health] Early Childhood may include such finding of child abuse or

2316 neglect in the listing under subsection (d) of this section and may
2317 disclose such finding to the public. The Commissioner of Children and
2318 Families, or the commissioner's designee, shall immediately notify the
2319 Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood when such child
2320 abuse or neglect is not substantiated after an investigation has been
2321 completed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17a-101g or a
2322 recommended finding of child abuse or neglect is reversed after a
2323 hearing or appeal conducted in accordance with the provisions of
2324 section 17a-101k. The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early
2325 Childhood shall immediately remove such information from the listing
2326 and shall not further disclose any such information to the public.

2327 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, all
2328 records provided by the Commissioner of Children and Families, or
2329 the commissioner's designee, to the [Department of Public Health]
2330 Office of Early Childhood regarding child abuse or neglect occurring at
2331 any facility, may be utilized in an administrative proceeding or court
2332 proceeding relative to facility licensing. In any such proceeding, such
2333 records shall be confidential, except as provided [by the provisions of]
2334 under section 4-177c, and such records shall not be subject to
2335 disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

2336 Sec. 549. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2337 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2338 The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall utilize
2339 consultative services and assistance from the Departments of
2340 Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services
2341 and from municipal building, fire and health departments. The
2342 commissioner shall make periodic inspections of licensed day care
2343 centers, group day care homes and family day care homes and shall
2344 provide technical assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to
2345 assist them to attain and maintain the standards established in
2346 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2347 amended by this act, 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this
2348 act, and 19a-87b, as amended by this act.

2349 Sec. 550. Section 19a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2350 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2351 The [commissioner] Commissioner of Early Childhood may request
2352 the Attorney General to bring an action in the superior court for the
2353 judicial district of Hartford to enjoin any person, group of persons,
2354 association, organization, corporation, institution, or agency, public or
2355 private, from maintaining a child day care center or group day care
2356 home without a license or operating a child day care center or group
2357 day care home in violation of regulations adopted under sections 19a-
2358 77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
2359 inclusive, as amended by this act.

2360 Sec. 551. Section 19a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2362 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2363 corporation who [shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate]
2364 establishes, conducts, maintains or operates a day care center or group
2365 day care home without a current and valid license shall be subject to a
2366 civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day
2367 that such center or home is operated without a license.

2368 (b) If the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has
2369 reason to believe that a violation has occurred for which a civil penalty
2370 is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, he or she may send to
2371 such person or officer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or
2372 personally serve upon such person or officer, a notice which shall
2373 include: (1) A reference to the section or sections of the general statutes
2374 or regulations involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters
2375 asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the maximum civil penalty
2376 which may be imposed for such violation; and (4) a statement of the
2377 party's right to request a hearing, such request to be submitted in
2378 writing to the commissioner not later than thirty days after the notice
2379 is mailed or served.

2380 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the commissioner shall
2381 [hold a hearing on the violation asserted] cause a hearing to be held.
2382 The hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter
2383 54. If such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear
2384 at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the commissioner finds that the
2385 person or officer has committed such violation, the commissioner may,
2386 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not
2387 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The commissioner shall
2388 send a copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified
2389 mail, return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such
2390 order.

2391 Sec. 552. Section 19a-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2393 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood shall have
2394 the discretion to refuse to license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,
2395 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as
2396 amended by this act, a person to conduct, operate or maintain a day
2397 care center or a group day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2398 amended by this act, or to suspend or revoke the license or take any
2399 other action set forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant to
2400 section 19a-79, as amended by this act, if, the person who owns,
2401 conducts, maintains or operates such center or home or a person
2402 employed therein in a position connected with the provision of care to
2403 a child receiving child day care services, has been convicted in this
2404 state or any other state of a felony as defined in section 53a-25
2405 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force
2406 against another person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20,
2407 injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section
2408 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of six years under
2409 section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child
2410 under eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a,
2411 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in
2412 this state or any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes

2413 renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or
2414 be employed by a child day care center or group day care home.
2415 However, no refusal of a license shall be rendered except in accordance
2416 with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

2417 (b) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2418 child day care center or group day care home shall notify the
2419 commissioner of any criminal conviction of the owner, conductor,
2420 operator or maintainer of the center or home or of any person
2421 employed therein in a position connected with the provision of care to
2422 a child receiving child day care services, immediately upon obtaining
2423 knowledge of the conviction. Failure to comply with the notification
2424 requirement may result in the suspension or revocation of the license
2425 or the imposition of any action set forth in regulation, and shall subject
2426 the licensed person to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred
2427 dollars per day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of
2428 the conviction.

2429 (c) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2430 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2431 child receiving child day care services to make a false written
2432 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2433 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2434 which statement he does not believe to be true and is intended to
2435 mislead the prospective employer.

2436 (d) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child day
2437 care center or a group day care home is operating without a current
2438 and valid license or in violation of regulations adopted under section
2439 19a-79, as amended by this act, or in a manner which may pose a
2440 potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of a child receiving
2441 child day care services, may report such information to the
2442 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The
2443 [department] office shall investigate any report or complaint received
2444 pursuant to this subsection. The name of the person making the report
2445 or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person consents to

2446 such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding results
2447 therefrom or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2448 section results therefrom. All records obtained by the [department]
2449 office in connection with any such investigation shall not be subject to
2450 the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty days from the date
2451 of the petition or other event initiating such investigation, or until such
2452 time as the investigation is terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or
2453 other informal disposition or until a hearing is convened pursuant to
2454 chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A formal statement of charges issued
2455 by the [department] office shall be subject to the provisions of section
2456 1-210 from the time that it is served or mailed to the respondent.
2457 Records which are otherwise public records shall not be deemed
2458 confidential merely because they have been obtained in connection
2459 with an investigation under this section.

2460 (e) In addition to any powers the [Department of Public Health]
2461 office may have, in any investigation (1) concerning an application,
2462 reinstatement or renewal of a license for a child day care center, a
2463 group day care home or a family day care home, as such terms are
2464 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, (2) of a complaint
2465 concerning child day care services, as described in section 19a-77, as
2466 amended by this act, or (3) concerning the possible provision of
2467 unlicensed child day care services, the [Department of Public Health]
2468 office may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and
2469 order the production of books, records and documents. If any person
2470 refuses to appear, testify or produce any book, record or document
2471 when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order
2472 as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.

2473 Sec. 553. Section 19a-87b of the 2014 supplement to the general
2474 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2475 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2476 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2477 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2478 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this

2479 act, without a license issued by the Commissioner of [Public Health]
2480 Early Childhood. Licensure forms shall be obtained from the
2481 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. Applications
2482 for licensure shall be made to the commissioner on forms provided by
2483 the [department] office and shall contain the information required by
2484 regulations adopted under this section. The licensure and application
2485 forms shall contain a notice that false statements made therein are
2486 punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state,
2487 in writing, that they are in compliance with the regulations adopted by
2488 the commissioner pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Before a
2489 family day care home license is granted, the [department] office shall
2490 make an inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and
2491 inspection of the premises for which the license is requested. Any
2492 inspection conducted by the [department] office shall include an
2493 inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning. The [department]
2494 office shall provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on
2495 such premises. Neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's
2496 designee shall require an annual inspection for homes seeking license
2497 renewal or for licensed homes, except that the commissioner or the
2498 commissioner's designee shall make [unannounced visits, during
2499 customary business hours, to at least thirty-three and one-third per
2500 cent of the licensed family day care homes each year] an unannounced
2501 visit, inspection or investigation of each licensed family day care home
2502 at least once every year. A licensed family day care home shall not be
2503 subject to any conditions on the operation of such home by local
2504 officials, other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant
2505 to this subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and
2506 ordinances applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

2507 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a
2508 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in
2509 section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without an approval issued by
2510 the [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner. Any person
2511 seeking to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day
2512 care home shall submit an application for such approval to the

2513 [department] office. Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to the
2514 commissioner on forms provided by the [department] office, (2)
2515 contain the information required by regulations adopted under this
2516 section, and (3) be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. The
2517 approval application forms shall contain a notice that false statements
2518 made in such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

2519 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, within
2520 available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or
2521 prospective employee of a family day care home in a position
2522 requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or
2523 substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal
2524 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
2525 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
2526 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state
2527 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The
2528 commissioner shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this
2529 subsection.

2530 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall
2531 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be
2532 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license
2533 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty
2534 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in
2535 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations
2536 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of
2537 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed
2538 for a term of four years.

2539 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff
2540 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such
2541 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

2542 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt
2543 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure
2544 that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended

2545 by this act, shall meet the health, educational and social needs of
2546 children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure that the
2547 family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an institutional
2548 facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be protected as
2549 age-appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria,
2550 pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus
2551 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of
2552 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such
2553 regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for
2554 whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for
2555 children whose parents object to such immunization on religious
2556 grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which
2557 family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
2558 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
2559 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
2560 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving
2561 day care services at a family day care home pursuant to a written order
2562 of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this or another state, an
2563 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance
2564 with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in
2565 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a
2566 parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations shall specify
2567 appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent short-term
2568 overnight care. The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of
2569 a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days after the
2570 regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations adopted
2571 under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

2572 Sec. 554. Section 19a-87c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2573 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2574 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2575 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a family
2576 day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act,
2577 without a current and valid license shall be subject to a civil penalty of

2578 not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day that such home
2579 is operated without a license.

2580 (b) If the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has
2581 reason to believe that a violation has occurred for which a civil penalty
2582 is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, [he] the commissioner
2583 may send to such person or officer by certified mail, return receipt
2584 requested, or personally serve upon such person or officer, a notice
2585 which shall include: (1) A reference to the section or sections of the
2586 general statutes or regulations involved; (2) a short and plain
2587 statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the
2588 maximum civil penalty which may be imposed for such violation; and
2589 (4) a statement of the party's right to request a hearing. Such request
2590 shall be submitted in writing to the commissioner not later than thirty
2591 days after the notice is mailed or served.

2592 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the commissioner shall
2593 [~~hold a hearing on the violation asserted~~] cause a hearing to be held.
2594 The hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter
2595 54. If such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear
2596 at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the commissioner finds that the
2597 person or officer has committed such violation, the commissioner may,
2598 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not
2599 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The commissioner shall
2600 send a copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified
2601 mail, return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such
2602 order.

2603 Sec. 555. Section 19a-87d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2604 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2605 The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood may request
2606 the Attorney General to bring an action, in the superior court for the
2607 judicial district in which such home is located, to enjoin any person,
2608 group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution or
2609 agency, public or private, from maintaining a family day care home, as

2610 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without a license or
2611 in violation of regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended
2612 by this act, and satisfactory proof of the lack of a license or the
2613 violation of the regulations without more shall entitle the
2614 commissioner to injunctive relief.

2615 Sec. 556. Section 19a-87e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2616 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2617 (a) The Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood may (1)
2618 refuse to license under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, a
2619 person to own, conduct, operate or maintain a family day care home,
2620 as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, (2) refuse to
2621 approve under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, a person to act
2622 as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day care home, as
2623 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, or (3) suspend or
2624 revoke the license or approval or take any other action that may be set
2625 forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as
2626 amended by this act, if the person who owns, conducts, maintains or
2627 operates the family day care home, the person who acts as an assistant
2628 or substitute staff member in a family day care home or a person
2629 employed in such family day care home in a position connected with
2630 the provision of care to a child receiving child day care services, has
2631 been convicted, in this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in
2632 section 53a-25, involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of
2633 physical force against another person, or has a criminal record in this
2634 state or any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes
2635 renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or
2636 be employed by a family day care home, or act as an assistant or
2637 substitute staff member in a family day care home, or if such persons
2638 or a person residing in the household has been convicted in this state
2639 or any other state of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or
2640 risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,
2641 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-
2642 23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under

2643 eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b,
2644 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal manufacture, distribution,
2645 sale, prescription, dispensing or administration under section 21a-277
2646 or 21a-278, or illegal possession under section 21a-279, or if such
2647 person, a person who acts as assistant or substitute staff member in a
2648 family day care home or a person employed in such family day care
2649 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child
2650 receiving child day care services, either fails to substantially comply
2651 with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-87b, as amended
2652 by this act, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a manner
2653 which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children
2654 receiving child day care services. Any refusal of a license or approval
2655 pursuant to this section shall be rendered in accordance with the
2656 provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive. Any person whose
2657 license or approval has been revoked pursuant to this section shall be
2658 ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a period of one year
2659 from the effective date of revocation.

2660 (b) When the commissioner intends to suspend or revoke a license
2661 or approval or take any other action against a license or approval set
2662 forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as amended by
2663 this act, the commissioner shall notify the licensee or approved staff
2664 member in writing of the commissioner's intended action. The licensee
2665 or approved staff member may, if aggrieved by such intended action,
2666 make application for a hearing in writing over the licensee's or
2667 approved staff member's signature to the commissioner. The licensee
2668 or approved staff member shall state in the application in plain
2669 language the reasons why the licensee or approved staff member
2670 claims to be aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the
2671 commissioner within thirty days of the licensee's or approved staff
2672 member's receipt of notification of the intended action. The
2673 commissioner shall thereupon hold a hearing within sixty days from
2674 receipt of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the date
2675 of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing,
2676 to the licensee or approved staff member. The provisions of this

2677 subsection shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a
2678 license or approval under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act,
2679 provided the commissioner shall notify the applicant of any such
2680 denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the
2681 applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license or approval
2682 application.

2683 (c) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2684 family day care home or approved to act as an assistant or substitute
2685 staff member in a family day care home shall notify the commissioner
2686 of any conviction of the owner, conductor, operator or maintainer of
2687 the family day care home or of any person residing in the household or
2688 any person employed in such family day care home in a position
2689 connected with the provision of care to a child receiving child day care
2690 services, of a crime which affects the commissioner's discretion under
2691 subsection (a) of this section, immediately upon obtaining knowledge
2692 of such conviction. Failure to comply with the notification requirement
2693 of this subsection may result in the suspension or revocation of the
2694 license or approval or the taking of any other action against a license or
2695 approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as
2696 amended by this act, and shall subject the licensee or approved staff
2697 member to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per
2698 day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of the
2699 conviction.

2700 (d) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2701 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2702 child receiving family day care home services to make a false written
2703 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2704 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2705 which statement such person does not believe to be true and is
2706 intended to mislead the prospective employer.

2707 (e) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a family day
2708 care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, is
2709 operating without a current and valid license or in violation of the

2710 regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, or
2711 in a manner which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare
2712 and safety of a child receiving child day care services, may report such
2713 information to [any office of the Department of Public Health] the
2714 Office of Early Childhood. The [department] office shall investigate
2715 any report or complaint received pursuant to this subsection. The
2716 name of the person making the report or complaint shall not be
2717 disclosed unless (1) such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a
2718 judicial or administrative proceeding results from such report or
2719 complaint, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2720 section results from such report or complaint. All records obtained by
2721 the [department] office in connection with any such investigation shall
2722 not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty
2723 days from the date of the petition or other event initiating such
2724 investigation, or until such time as the investigation is terminated
2725 pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or until a
2726 hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A
2727 formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office shall be
2728 subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is served
2729 or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise public
2730 records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they have
2731 been obtained in connection with an investigation under this section.

2732 Sec. 557. Section 8-210 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
2733 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2734 *1, 2014*):

2735 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
2736 Social Services or the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood,
2737 as appropriate, may enter into a contract with a municipality or a
2738 qualified private, nonprofit corporation for state financial assistance
2739 for the planning, construction, renovation, site preparation and
2740 purchase of improved or unimproved property as part of a capital
2741 development project for neighborhood facilities. Such facilities may
2742 include, but are not limited to, child day care facilities, elderly centers,

2743 multipurpose human resource centers, emergency shelters for the
2744 homeless and shelters for victims of domestic violence. The financial
2745 assistance shall be in the form of state grants-in-aid equal to (1) all or
2746 any portion of the cost of such capital development project if the
2747 grantee is a qualified private nonprofit corporation, or (2) up to two-
2748 thirds of the cost of such capital development project if the grantee is a
2749 municipality, as determined by the Commissioner of Social Services or
2750 the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood, as appropriate.

2751 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
2752 [Education] Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a
2753 municipality, a human resource development agency or a nonprofit
2754 corporation for state financial assistance in developing and operating
2755 child day care centers for children disadvantaged by reasons of
2756 economic, social or environmental conditions, provided no such
2757 financial assistance shall be available for the operating costs of any
2758 such day care center unless it has been licensed by the Commissioner
2759 of [Public Health] Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80, as
2760 amended by this act. Such financial assistance shall be available for a
2761 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency
2762 or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,
2763 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and
2764 remodeling of physical facilities of such day care centers. Such contract
2765 shall provide for state financial assistance, within available
2766 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of
2767 the cost of such program as determined by the Commissioner of
2768 [Education] Early Childhood, if not federally assisted, or (2) equal to
2769 one-half of the amount by which the net cost of such program as
2770 approved by the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood
2771 exceeds the federal grant-in-aid thereof. The Commissioner of
2772 [Education] Early Childhood may authorize child day care centers
2773 provided financial assistance pursuant to this subsection to apply a
2774 program surplus to the next program year. The Commissioner of
2775 [Education] Early Childhood shall consult with directors of child day
2776 care centers in establishing fees for the operation of such centers.

2777 (c) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, in
2778 consultation with representatives from child care centers, within
2779 available appropriations, shall develop guidelines for state-contracted
2780 child care center programs. The guidelines shall include standards for
2781 program quality and design and identify short and long-term
2782 outcomes for families participating in such programs. The
2783 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, within available
2784 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-
2785 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center
2786 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for
2787 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the
2788 [department] Office of Early Childhood. The plan shall include goals to
2789 be used for measuring such improvement. The [department] Office of
2790 Early Childhood shall use the plan to monitor the progress of the
2791 center.

2792 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
2793 [Education] Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a
2794 municipality, a human resource development agency or a nonprofit
2795 corporation for state financial assistance for a project of renovation of
2796 any child day care facility receiving assistance pursuant to the
2797 provisions of this section, to make such facility accessible to the
2798 physically disabled, in the form of a state grant-in-aid equal to (1) the
2799 total net cost of the project as approved by the Commissioner of
2800 [Education] Early Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net
2801 cost of the project as approved by the Commissioner of [Education]
2802 Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-aid thereof.

2803 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or
2804 nonprofit corporation which enters into a contract pursuant to this
2805 section for state financial assistance for a day care facility shall have
2806 sole responsibility for the development of the budget of the day care
2807 program, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of
2808 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the
2809 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local

2810 determination of a change in the type of day care service required in
2811 the area, a municipality, human resource development agency or
2812 nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of its annual budget and
2813 subject to the provisions of this subsection and sections 19a-77 to 19a-
2814 80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive,
2815 as amended by this act, change its day care service. An application to
2816 change the type of child day care service provided shall be submitted
2817 to the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood. Not later than
2818 forty-five days after the Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood
2819 receives the application, the Commissioner of [Education] Early
2820 Childhood shall advise the municipality, human resource
2821 development agency or nonprofit corporation of the Commissioner of
2822 [Education's] Early Childhood's approval, denial or approval with
2823 modifications of the application. If the Commissioner of [Education]
2824 Early Childhood fails to act on the application not later than forty-five
2825 days after the application's submittal, the application shall be deemed
2826 approved.

2827 (f) The Commissioner of [Education] Early Childhood may, in his
2828 discretion, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy
2829 and Management authorize the expenditure of such funds for the
2830 purposes of this section as shall enable the Commissioner of
2831 [Education] Early Childhood to apply for, qualify for and provide the
2832 state's share of a federally assisted day care program.

2833 Sec. 558. Subsection (a) of section 10a-194c of the general statutes is
2834 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2835 *1, 2014*):

2836 (a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority
2837 shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care
2838 and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start
2839 programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities
2840 Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or
2841 renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and
2842 local child care requirements, including health and safety standards.

2843 For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a
2844 building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in
2845 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and "child care center" means a
2846 nonprofit facility that is licensed by the [Department of Public Health]
2847 Office of Early Childhood as a child day care center or a group day
2848 care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act.

2849 Sec. 559. Section 12-634 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2850 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2851 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against
2852 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or
2853 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount
2854 invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs
2855 operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to
2856 section 12-632 for planning, site preparation, construction, renovation
2857 or acquisition of facilities for purposes of establishing a child day care
2858 facility to be used primarily by the children of such business firm's
2859 employees and equipment installed for such facility, including kitchen
2860 appliances, to the extent that such equipment or appliances are
2861 necessary in the use of such facility for purposes of child day care,
2862 provided: (1) Such facility is operated under the authority of a license
2863 issued by the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood in
2864 accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by
2865 this act, (2) such facility is operated without profit by such business
2866 firm related to any charges imposed for the use of such facility for
2867 purposes of child day care, and (3) the amount of tax credit allowed
2868 any business firm under the provisions of this section for any income
2869 year may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. If two or more business
2870 firms share in the cost of establishing such a facility for the children of
2871 their employees, each such taxpayer shall be allowed such credit in
2872 relation to the respective share, paid or incurred by such taxpayer, of
2873 the total expenditures for the facility in such income year. The
2874 commissioner shall not grant a credit pursuant to this section to any
2875 taxpayer claiming a credit for the same year pursuant to section 12-

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2877 Sec. 560. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2014 supplement to
2878 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2879 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2880 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any
2881 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any
2882 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
2883 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical
2884 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist or psychologist, a school employee,
2885 as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or
2886 adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the
2887 clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor,
2888 podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any
2889 person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services
2890 provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug
2891 counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist,
2892 any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a domestic violence
2893 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed
2894 professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any
2895 person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child
2896 day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed
2897 by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and
2898 Families, any employee of the Department of Public Health, any
2899 employee of the Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the
2900 licensing of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day
2901 care homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of
2902 the Office of the Child Advocate and any family relations counselor,
2903 family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor
2904 employed by the Judicial Department.

2905 Sec. 561. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the 2014 supplement to
2906 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2907 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2908 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the
2909 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in
2910 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,
2911 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in
2912 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information
2913 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the
2914 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program
2915 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from
2916 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its
2917 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance
2918 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)
2919 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such
2920 information directly related to unemployment compensation,
2921 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for
2922 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and
2923 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session, (2) to any
2924 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and
2925 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation
2926 and operation of the basic needs supplement program, (3) to any
2927 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative
2928 Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
2929 Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social Services
2930 determines is directly related to and necessary for the Department of
2931 Administrative Services or the Department of Emergency Services and
2932 Public Protection for purposes of performing their functions of
2933 collecting social services recoveries and overpayments or amounts due
2934 as support in social services cases, investigating social services fraud or
2935 locating absent parents of public assistance recipients, (4) to any
2936 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Children and
2937 Families necessary information concerning a child or the immediate
2938 family of a child receiving services from the Department of Social
2939 Services, including safety net services, if the Commissioner of Children
2940 and Families or the Commissioner of Social Services has determined
2941 that imminent danger to such child's health, safety or welfare exists to
2942 target the services of the family services programs administered by the

2943 Department of Children and Families, (5) to a town official or other
2944 contractor or authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner
2945 such information concerning an applicant for or a recipient of
2946 assistance under state-administered general assistance deemed
2947 necessary by the Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor
2948 Commissioner to carry out their respective responsibilities to serve
2949 such persons under the programs administered by the Labor
2950 Department that are designed to serve applicants for or recipients of
2951 state-administered general assistance, (6) to any authorized
2952 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
2953 Services for the purposes of the behavioral health managed care
2954 program established by section 17a-453, (7) to any authorized
2955 representative of the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early
2956 Childhood to carry out his or her respective responsibilities under
2957 programs that regulate child day care services or youth camps, (8) to a
2958 health insurance provider, in IV-D support cases, as defined in
2959 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information
2960 concerning a child and the custodial parent of such child that is
2961 necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan available
2962 through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such child is
2963 under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is unable
2964 to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of Social
2965 Services determines, after providing prior notice of the disclosure to
2966 such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent to object,
2967 that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child, (9) to any
2968 authorized representative of the Department of Correction, in IV-D
2969 support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
2970 section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is
2971 necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who
2972 may benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill
2973 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly
2974 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support
2975 obligation, (10) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,
2976 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)
2977 of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is

2978 necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support
2979 cases who may benefit from educational, training, skill building, work
2980 or rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such
2981 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in
2982 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)
2983 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, (11) to
2984 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support
2985 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-
2986 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors
2987 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of
2988 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed
2989 abandoned under part III of chapter 32, or (12) to any authorized
2990 representative of the Commissioner of Housing for the purpose of
2991 verifying whether an applicant for the renters rebate program
2992 established by section 12-170d is a recipient of cash assistance from the
2993 Department of Social Services and the amount of such assistance. No
2994 such representative shall disclose any information obtained pursuant
2995 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for
2996 assistance provided through said department shall be notified that, if
2997 and when such applicant receives benefits, the department will be
2998 providing law enforcement officials with the address of such applicant
2999 upon the request of any such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

3000 Sec. 562. Subsection (a) of section 10-16mm of the general statutes is
3001 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3002 *1, 2014*):

3003 (a) There is established a task force to address the academic
3004 achievement gaps in Connecticut by considering effective approaches
3005 to closing the achievement gaps in elementary, middle and high
3006 schools. The task force shall develop, in consultation with the
3007 Department of Education, the Connecticut State University System, the
3008 Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established
3009 pursuant to section 10-16nn, and the joint standing committee of the
3010 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,

3011 a master plan to eliminate the academic achievement gaps by January
3012 1, 2020. Such master plan shall: (1) Identify the achievement gaps that
3013 exist among and between (A) racial groups, (B) ethnic groups, (C)
3014 socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English language learners
3015 and students whose primary language is English; (2) focus efforts on
3016 closing the achievement gaps identified in subdivision (1) of this
3017 subsection; (3) establish annual benchmarks for implementation of the
3018 master plan and closing the achievement gaps; and (4) make
3019 recommendations regarding the creation of a Secretary of Education.];
3020 and (5) develop a plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a
3021 child five years of age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section
3022 10-15c from January first of the school year to October first of the
3023 school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness
3024 programs for those children who reach the age of five after October
3025 first of any school year and are no longer eligible to enroll in
3026 kindergarten for such school year.] The task force may amend such
3027 master plan at any time. For purposes of this section, "achievement
3028 gaps" means the existence of a significant disparity in the academic
3029 performance of students among and between (A) racial groups, (B)
3030 ethnic groups, (C) socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English
3031 language learners and students whose primary language is English.

3032 Sec. 563. Section 17b-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3033 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3034 The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide
3035 fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to
3036 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance
3037 under (1) programs administered by the department, including, but
3038 not limited to, [(1)] (A) the temporary family assistance program, [(2)]
3039 (B) the supplemental nutrition assistance program, [(3)] (C) the child
3040 care subsidy program, or [(4)] (D) the Medicaid program pursuant to
3041 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and (2) the child care subsidy
3042 program administered by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to
3043 section 17b-749, as amended by this act, is fraudulent prior to granting

3044 assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall consult with the
3045 Commissioner of Early Childhood regarding the development of such
3046 state-wide fraud early detection system for such child care subsidy
3047 program. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall
3048 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, for the purpose of
3049 developing and implementing said system. The [commissioner]
3050 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit quarterly reports
3051 concerning savings realized through the implementation of the state-
3052 wide fraud early detection system to the joint standing committees of
3053 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
3054 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

3055 Sec. 564. Subsection (d) of section 31-286a of the general statutes is
3056 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3057 *1, 2014*):

3058 (d) For purposes of this section, "sufficient evidence" means (1) a
3059 certificate of self-insurance issued by a workers' compensation
3060 commissioner pursuant to section 31-284, (2) a certificate of compliance
3061 issued by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to section 31-286, (3) a
3062 certificate of insurance issued by any stock or mutual insurance
3063 company or mutual association authorized to write workers'
3064 compensation insurance in this state or its agent, or (4) in lieu of a
3065 physical certificate of insurance being presented for the issuance or
3066 renewal of licenses and permits issued by the Department of
3067 Consumer Protection, [or] the Department of Public Health or the
3068 Office of Early Childhood, the entrance by the applicant on the
3069 renewal form of the name of the insurer, insurance policy number,
3070 effective dates of coverage, and a certification that the same is truthful
3071 and accurate.

3072 Sec. 565. Section 1 of special act 13-16 is amended to read as follows
3073 (*Effective from passage*):

3074 Any child day care facility or child day care center that received a
3075 loan pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as amended

3076 by this act, prior to July 1, 2012, and that (1) entered into a contract
3077 with the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to section 8-210 of
3078 the general statutes, as amended by this act, on or before July 1, 2012,
3079 for state financial assistance in operating a child day care facility or
3080 child day care center, or (2) received a grant pursuant to subsection (c)
3081 of section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall
3082 continue to receive state financial assistance from the [Department of
3083 Education] Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to section 8-210 of the
3084 general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (c) of section
3085 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, until the loan
3086 received pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as
3087 amended by this act, is fully paid off by such child day care facility or
3088 child day care center.

3089 Sec. 566. Section 19a-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3090 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3091 (a) When the Commissioner of [Public Health] Early Childhood has
3092 reason to believe any person licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,
3093 inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87,
3094 inclusive, as amended by this act, has failed substantially to comply
3095 with the regulations adopted under said sections, the commissioner
3096 may notify the licensee in writing of the commissioner's intention to
3097 suspend or revoke the license or to impose a licensure action. Such
3098 notice shall be served by certified mail stating the particular reasons
3099 for the proposed action. The licensee may, if aggrieved by such
3100 intended action, make application for a hearing in writing over the
3101 licensee's signature to the commissioner. The licensee shall state in the
3102 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be
3103 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the commissioner
3104 [within] not later than thirty days [of] after the licensee's receipt of
3105 notification of the intended action. The commissioner shall thereupon
3106 hold a hearing [within] or cause a hearing to be held not later than
3107 sixty days [from] after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten
3108 days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time

3109 and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be
3110 conducted by the commissioner or by a hearing officer appointed by
3111 the commissioner in writing. The licensee and the commissioner or
3112 hearing officer may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of
3113 witnesses. The licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel
3114 and a transcript of the hearing shall be made. If the hearing is
3115 conducted by a hearing officer, the hearing officer shall state the
3116 hearing officer's findings and make a recommendation to the
3117 commissioner on the issue of revocation or suspension or the intended
3118 licensure action. The commissioner, based upon the findings and
3119 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by
3120 the commissioner, shall render the commissioner's decision in writing
3121 suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the
3122 intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by
3123 certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the
3124 license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective
3125 thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the
3126 licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may
3127 appeal as provided in section 19a-85. Any licensee whose license has
3128 been revoked pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to apply
3129 for a license for a period of one year from the effective date of
3130 revocation.

3131 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the denial of an
3132 initial application for a license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,
3133 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as
3134 amended by this act, provided the commissioner shall notify the
3135 applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing
3136 written notice to the applicant at the applicant's address shown on the
3137 license application.

3138 Sec. 567. Section 19a-85 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3139 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3140 Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Commissioner of [Public
3141 Health] Early Childhood rendered under section 19a-82 or 19a-84, as

3142 amended by this act, may appeal the decision of the commissioner in
3143 accordance with section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in
3144 the judicial district of New Britain. Such appeal shall have precedence
3145 in the order of trial as provided in section 52-192.

3146 Sec. 568. Subdivision (14) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is
3147 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3148 *passage*):

3149 (14) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of
3150 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,
3151 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent
3152 units, the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors,
3153 the E. O. Smith School and any other activity, institution or school
3154 employing members.

3155 Sec. 569. Subdivision (20) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is
3156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3157 *passage*):

3158 (20) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
3159 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly
3160 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
3161 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the board of governors or
3162 any of its constituent units, the E. O. Smith School, the Children's
3163 Center and its successors, the State Education Resource Center
3164 established pursuant to section 10-4q, joint activities of boards of
3165 education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any
3166 institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or
3167 any incorporated secondary school not under the orders and
3168 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of
3169 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and
3170 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and
3171 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the
3172 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or
3173 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement

3174 board.

3175 Sec. 570. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is
3176 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3177 *passage*):

3178 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,
3179 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or
3180 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional
3181 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State
3182 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate
3183 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except
3184 as provided for in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel who
3185 provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools,
3186 as provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement, (C)
3187 any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising schools for
3188 adults if the annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater
3189 than the minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position
3190 in the day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a
3191 member of the professional staff of the State Board of Education, the
3192 Office of Early Childhood, or of the Board of Regents for Higher
3193 Education or any of the constituent units, and (E) a member of the staff
3194 of the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section
3195 10-4q employed in a professional capacity while possessing a
3196 certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education. A
3197 "permanent substitute teacher" is one who serves as such for at least
3198 ten months during any school year.

3199 Sec. 571. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
3200 subsection (b) of section 17b-90 and sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80,
3201 19a-80f, 19a-82, 19a-84 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the general statutes, as
3202 amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the
3203 Commissioner of Early Childhood may enter into a memorandum of
3204 agreement with the Commissioner of Public Health regarding (1)
3205 assistance of the Department of Public Health in the implementation of
3206 the provisions of sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-80f, 19a-82, 19a-84

3207 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
3208 and (2) the disclosure of records received by the Office of Early
3209 Childhood, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-90 and section
3210 19a-80f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to the
3211 Department of Public Health.

3212 Sec. 572. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3214 As used in this chapter:

3215 (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or
3216 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during
3217 school vacations or on weekends by a person, partnership,
3218 corporation, association, the state or a municipal agency for
3219 recreational or educational purposes and accommodating for profit or
3220 under philanthropic or charitable auspices five or more children, who
3221 are at least three years of age and under sixteen years of age, who are
3222 (A) not bona fide personal guests in the private home of an individual,
3223 and (B) living apart from their relatives, parents or legal guardian, for
3224 a period of three days or more per week or portions of three or more
3225 days per week, provided any such relative, parent or guardian who is
3226 an employee of such camp shall not be considered to be in the position
3227 of loco parentis to such employee's child for the purposes of this
3228 chapter, but does not include (i) classroom-based summer instructional
3229 programs operated by any person, provided no activities that may
3230 pose a health risk or hazard to participating children are conducted at
3231 such programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools in compliance
3232 with section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of Education or
3233 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
3234 Education, which operate a summer educational program, (iii) licensed
3235 day care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for children who are at least
3236 six years of age administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls'
3237 club;

3238 (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,

3239 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which
3240 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate
3241 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under
3242 sixteen years of age for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in
3243 which the campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

3244 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,
3245 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which
3246 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate
3247 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under
3248 sixteen years of age during daylight hours for at least three days a
3249 week with the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one
3250 meal per day, but does not include programs operated by a municipal
3251 agency;

3252 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency, individual,
3253 partnership, association, organization, limited liability company or
3254 corporation;

3255 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Public Health]
3256 Early Childhood; and

3257 (6) ["Department" means the Department of Public Health.] "Office"
3258 means the Office of Early Childhood.

3259 Sec. 573. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3260 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3261 No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp
3262 without a license issued by the [department] office. Applications for
3263 such license shall be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the
3264 opening of the youth camp on forms provided and in accordance with
3265 procedures established by the commissioner and shall be accompanied
3266 by a fee of eight hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a
3267 nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a fee of three hundred
3268 fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a
3269 nonprofit organization, for no more than five days duration and for

3270 which labor and materials are donated, no fee. All such licenses shall
3271 be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance unless
3272 surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked by the
3273 commissioner for violation of this chapter or any regulations adopted
3274 under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, and shall be renewable
3275 upon payment of [a] an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if
3276 the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a three-
3277 hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp
3278 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days
3279 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

3280 Sec. 574. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3281 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3282 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license
3283 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following
3284 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide
3285 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good
3286 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be
3287 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,
3288 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the
3289 [department] office and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as
3290 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past
3291 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)
3292 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the
3293 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all
3294 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and
3295 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to
3296 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a
3297 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to
3298 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety
3299 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and
3300 neglect; (5) all hazardous activities, including, but not limited to,
3301 archery, aquatics, horseback riding and firearms instruction, shall be
3302 supervised by a qualified activities specialist who has adequate

3303 experience and training in such specialist's area of specialty; (6) the
3304 staff of a resident and nonresident camp shall at all times include an
3305 adult trained in the administration of first aid as required by the
3306 commissioner; (7) records of personal data for each camper shall be
3307 kept in any reasonable form the camp director may choose, and shall
3308 include (A) the camper's name, age and address, (B) the name, address
3309 and telephone number of the parents or guardian, (C) the dates of
3310 admission and discharge, and (D) such other information as the
3311 commissioner shall require. Any youth camp licensed under this
3312 chapter shall operate only as the type of camp authorized by such
3313 license. Such camps shall not advertise any service they are not
3314 equipped or licensed to offer. The license shall be posted in a
3315 conspicuous place at camp headquarters and failure to so post the
3316 license shall result in the presumption that the camp is being operated
3317 in violation of this chapter.

3318 Sec. 575. Section 19a-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3319 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3320 (a) The commissioner may take any of the actions authorized under
3321 subsection (b) of this section if the youth camp licensee: (1) Is convicted
3322 of any offense involving moral turpitude, the record of conviction
3323 being conclusive evidence thereof; (2) is legally adjudicated insane or
3324 mentally incompetent, the record of such adjudication being
3325 conclusive evidence thereof; (3) uses any narcotic or any controlled
3326 drug, as defined in section 21a-240, to an extent or in a manner that
3327 such use impairs the licensee's ability to properly care for children; (4)
3328 fails to comply with the statutes and regulations for licensing youth
3329 camps; (5) furnishes or makes any misleading or any false statement or
3330 report to the [department] office; (6) refuses to submit to the
3331 [department] office any reports or refuses to make available to the
3332 [department] office any records required by it in investigating the
3333 facility for licensing purposes; (7) fails or refuses to submit to an
3334 investigation or inspection by the [department] office or to admit
3335 authorized representatives of the [department] office at any reasonable

3336 time for the purpose of investigation, inspection or licensing; (8) fails
3337 to provide, maintain, equip and keep in safe and sanitary condition
3338 premises established for or used by the campers pursuant to minimum
3339 standards prescribed by the [department] office or by ordinances or
3340 regulations applicable to the location of such facility; or (9) wilfully or
3341 deliberately violates any of the provisions of this chapter.

3342 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner, after a
3343 contested case hearing held in accordance with the provisions of
3344 chapter 54, may take any of the following actions, singly or in
3345 combination, in any case in which the commissioner finds that there
3346 has been a substantial failure to comply with the requirements
3347 established under sections 19a-420 to 19a-428, inclusive, as amended
3348 by this act, the Public Health Code or regulations adopted pursuant to
3349 section 19a-428, as amended by this act: (1) Revoke a license; (2)
3350 suspend a license; (3) impose a civil penalty of not more than one
3351 hundred dollars per violation for each day of occurrence; (4) place a
3352 licensee on probationary status and require such licensee to report
3353 regularly to the [department] office on the matters that are the basis of
3354 the probation; (5) restrict the acquisition of other facilities for a period
3355 of time set by the commissioner; or (6) impose limitations on a license.

3356 (c) The commissioner shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the
3357 commissioner's intention to suspend or revoke the license or to impose
3358 a licensure action. The licensee may, if aggrieved by such intended
3359 action, make application for a hearing, in writing, over the licensee's
3360 signature to the commissioner. The licensee shall state in the
3361 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be
3362 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the commissioner not
3363 later than thirty days after the licensee's receipt of notification of the
3364 intended action.

3365 (d) The commissioner shall hold a hearing not later than sixty days
3366 after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten days prior to the
3367 date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the
3368 hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be conducted by the

3369 commissioner or by a hearing officer appointed by the commissioner,
3370 in writing. The licensee and the commissioner or hearing officer may
3371 issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The licensee
3372 shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript of the
3373 hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer,
3374 the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and make a
3375 recommendation to the commissioner on the issue of revocation or
3376 suspension or the intended licensure action.

3377 (e) The commissioner, based upon the findings and
3378 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by
3379 the commissioner, shall render the commissioner's decision, in writing,
3380 suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the
3381 intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by
3382 certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the
3383 license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective
3384 thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the
3385 licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner may
3386 appeal in the same manner as provided in section 19a-85.

3387 (f) The provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section
3388 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license under
3389 section 19a-421, as amended by this act, provided the commissioner
3390 notifies the applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such
3391 denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the applicant's
3392 address shown on the license application.

3393 (g) If the [department] office determines that the health, safety or
3394 welfare of a child or staff person at a youth camp requires imperative
3395 emergency action by the [department] office to halt an activity being
3396 provided at the camp, the [department] office may issue a cease and
3397 desist order limiting the license and requiring the immediate cessation
3398 of the activity. The [department] office shall provide the licensee with
3399 an opportunity for a hearing regarding the issuance of a cease and
3400 desist order. Such hearing shall be held not later than ten business
3401 days after the date of issuance of the order. Upon receipt of such order,

3402 the licensee shall cease providing the activity and provide immediate
3403 notification to staff and the parents of all children attending the camp
3404 that such activity has ceased at the camp until such time as the cease
3405 and desist order is dissolved by the [department] office.

3406 Sec. 576. Section 19a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3407 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3408 Any person who establishes, conducts or maintains a youth camp
3409 without a license as required by this chapter for a first offense shall be
3410 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars, and
3411 for a second or subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of
3412 not more than one thousand five hundred dollars, and each day
3413 during which a youth camp is conducted or maintained without a
3414 license, after notification to such person by the commissioner, shall
3415 constitute a separate offense. The [Commissioner of Public Health]
3416 commissioner may apply to the superior court for the judicial district
3417 of Hartford, or for the judicial district where the defendant named in
3418 such application resides, for an injunction to restrain the operation or
3419 maintenance of a youth camp by any person other than a licensed
3420 operator. The application for such injunction or the issuance of the
3421 same shall be in addition to and shall not relieve any such person from
3422 the imposition of a civil penalty under this section. In connection with
3423 any such application for an injunction, it shall not be necessary to
3424 prove that an adequate remedy at law does not exist.

3425 Sec. 577. Section 19a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3426 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3427 The [Department of Public Health] office shall inspect or cause to be
3428 inspected the facilities to be operated by an applicant for an original
3429 license before the license shall be granted, and shall annually thereafter
3430 inspect or cause to be inspected the facilities of all licensees. No annual
3431 inspection shall be required under this section in the case of facilities of
3432 a licensee located in any dormitory, classroom or other building or any
3433 athletic facility owned and maintained by any college or university,

3434 provided a timely safety inspection of such building or facility,
3435 satisfactory to the [department] office, is conducted by or on behalf of
3436 such college or university.

3437 Sec. 578. Section 19a-427 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3438 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3439 The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner is authorized to
3440 accept, on behalf of the state, any grants of federal or private funds
3441 made available for any purposes consistent with the provisions of this
3442 chapter. The commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the
3443 Office of Policy and Management, may direct the disposition of any
3444 such grants so accepted in conformity with the terms and conditions
3445 under which given.

3446 Sec. 579. Section 19a-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3447 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3448 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt
3449 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, relating to
3450 the safe operation of youth camps, including, but not limited to,
3451 personnel qualifications for director and staff; ratio of staff to campers;
3452 sanitation and public health; personal health, first aid and medical
3453 services; food handling, mass feeding and cleanliness; water supply
3454 and waste disposal; water safety, including use of lakes and rivers,
3455 swimming and boating equipment and practices, vehicle condition and
3456 operation; building and site design; equipment; and condition and
3457 density of use, as the commissioner may deem necessary or desirable.
3458 Such regulations shall be construed to be minimum standards subject
3459 to the imposition and enforcement of higher standards by any town,
3460 city or borough.

3461 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt
3462 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, allowing
3463 physical examinations or health status certifications required by youth
3464 camps prior to the date of arrival at youth camps to be made by a

3465 physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse
3466 licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or a physician assistant licensed
3467 pursuant to chapter 370. Such regulations shall permit a physical
3468 examination that is required for school purposes to also be used to
3469 satisfy any such required youth camp examination or certification,
3470 subject to such conditions regarding the timeliness of such
3471 examination as the commissioner deems appropriate.

3472 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner shall adopt
3473 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that
3474 specify conditions under which youth camp directors and staff may
3475 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed
3476 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including
3477 controlled drugs specified in the regulations adopted by the
3478 commissioner, to a child enrolled in a youth camp at such camp. The
3479 regulations shall require authorization pursuant to: (1) The written
3480 order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed
3481 to practice dental medicine in this or another state, an advanced
3482 practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, a physician
3483 assistant licensed under chapter 370, a podiatrist licensed under
3484 chapter 375 or an optometrist licensed under chapter 380; and (2) the
3485 written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child.

3486 Sec. 580. Section 19a-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3488 Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a youth camp,
3489 as defined in section 19a-420, as amended by this act, is operating
3490 without a current and valid license or in violation of regulations
3491 adopted under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, or in a manner
3492 which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of
3493 a child receiving youth camp services, may report such information to
3494 the [Department of Public Health] office. The [department] office shall
3495 investigate any report or complaint received pursuant to this section.
3496 In connection with any investigation of a youth camp, the
3497 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner or [said] the

3498 commissioner's authorized agent may administer oaths, issue
3499 subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,
3500 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to
3501 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of
3502 the Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid
3503 in the enforcement of this section. The name of the person making the
3504 report or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person
3505 consents to such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding
3506 results therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to section 19a-423, as
3507 amended by this act, results from such report or complaint. All records
3508 obtained by the [department] office in connection with any such
3509 investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a
3510 period of thirty days from the date of the petition or other event
3511 initiating such investigation, or until such time as the investigation is
3512 terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or
3513 until a hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is
3514 earlier. A formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office
3515 shall be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is
3516 served or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise
3517 public records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they
3518 have been obtained in connection with an investigation under this
3519 section.

3520 Sec. 581. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of Early
3521 Childhood shall develop a plan to provide spaces to all eligible
3522 children, as defined in section 582 of this act, in an accredited school
3523 readiness program, as defined in section 582 of this act, or a school
3524 readiness program seeking accreditation, as defined in section 582 of
3525 this act. The commissioner shall submit such plan to the Governor on
3526 or before January 1, 2015.

3527 Sec. 582. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
3528 section:

3529 (1) "Eligible town" means a town in which a priority school, as
3530 defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this

3531 act, is located or a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked
3532 in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision
3533 (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, whose school district is
3534 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
3535 statutes;

3536 (2) "Eligible regional school readiness council" means a regional
3537 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r of
3538 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for a region in which a
3539 priority school is located;

3540 (3) "Eligible children" means children (A) three and four years of age
3541 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
3542 pursuant to section 10-15c of the general statutes, or who are eligible to
3543 enroll in school and will attend a school readiness program pursuant
3544 to section 10-16t of the general statutes, and (B) who reside (i) in an
3545 area served by a priority school or a former priority school, as
3546 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the
3547 general statutes, as amended by this act, (ii) in a town ranked one to
3548 fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town
3549 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general
3550 statutes, whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant
3551 to section 10-266p of the general statutes, (iii) in a town formerly a
3552 town described in clause (ii) of this subparagraph, as provided for in
3553 subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general
3554 statutes, as amended by this act, or (iv) in a town designated as an
3555 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes,
3556 whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant to
3557 section 10-266p of the general statutes;

3558 (4) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided
3559 in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3560 (5) "Priority school" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
3561 16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

3562 (6) "Accredited" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-16p
3563 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

3564 (7) "Seeking accreditation" has the same meaning as provided in
3565 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

3566 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish a grant
3567 program for eligible towns and eligible regional school readiness
3568 councils for (1) start-up of school readiness classrooms, and (2)
3569 providing spaces to all eligible children in accredited school readiness
3570 programs and school readiness programs seeking accreditation. An
3571 eligible town or eligible regional school readiness council may apply
3572 for such grant to the commissioner, at such time and in such manner as
3573 the commissioner prescribes.

3574 Sec. 583. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before March 1, 2015,
3575 the Commissioner of Early Childhood, in consultation with the
3576 Department of Education, shall develop a preschool experience survey
3577 that may be included in kindergarten registration materials provided
3578 by local and regional boards of education to parents or guardians of
3579 children enrolling in kindergarten pursuant to section 10-184 of the
3580 general statutes. The board shall use such survey to collect information
3581 regarding (1) whether the child enrolling in kindergarten has
3582 participated in a preschool program, and (2) (A) if such child has
3583 participated in a preschool program, the nature, length and setting of
3584 such preschool program, or (B) if the child has not participated in a
3585 preschool program, the reasons why such child did not participate in a
3586 preschool program, including, but not limited to, financial difficulty,
3587 lack of transportation, parental choice regarding enrollment,
3588 limitations related to the hours of operation of available preschool
3589 programs and any other barriers to participation in a preschool
3590 program. A local or regional board of education shall not require any
3591 parent or guardian of such child to complete such survey as a
3592 condition of such child's enrollment in kindergarten.

3593 Sec. 584. Subsection (c) of section 10-10a of the general statutes is

3594 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3595 *1, 2014*):

3596 (c) [On or before July 1, 2013, the department shall expand the] The
3597 state-wide public school information system [as follows] shall:

3598 (1) Track and report data relating to student, teacher and school and
3599 district performance growth and make such information available to
3600 local and regional boards of education for use in evaluating
3601 educational performance and growth of teachers and students enrolled
3602 in public schools in the state. Such information shall be collected or
3603 calculated based on information received from local and regional
3604 boards of education and other relevant sources. Such information shall
3605 include, but not be limited to:

3606 (A) In addition to performance on state-wide mastery examinations
3607 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, data relating to students shall
3608 include, but not be limited to, (i) the primary language spoken at the
3609 home of a student, (ii) student transcripts, (iii) student attendance and
3610 student mobility, [and] (iv) reliable, valid assessments of a student's
3611 readiness to enter public school at the kindergarten level, and (v) data
3612 collected, if any, from the preschool experience survey, described in
3613 section 583 of this act;

3614 (B) Data relating to teachers shall include, but not be limited to, (i)
3615 teacher credentials, such as master's degrees, teacher preparation
3616 programs completed and certification levels and endorsement areas,
3617 (ii) teacher assessments, such as whether a teacher is deemed highly
3618 qualified pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, or
3619 deemed to meet such other designations as may be established by
3620 federal law or regulations for the purposes of tracking the equitable
3621 distribution of instructional staff, (iii) the presence of substitute
3622 teachers in a teacher's classroom, (iv) class size, (v) numbers relating to
3623 absenteeism in a teacher's classroom, and (vi) the presence of a
3624 teacher's aide. The department shall assign a unique teacher identifier
3625 to each teacher prior to collecting such data in the public school

3626 information system;

3627 (C) Data relating to schools and districts shall include, but not be
 3628 limited to, (i) school population, (ii) annual student graduation rates,
 3629 (iii) annual teacher retention rates, (iv) school disciplinary records,
 3630 such as data relating to suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary
 3631 actions, (v) the percentage of students whose primary language is not
 3632 English, (vi) the number of and professional credentials of support
 3633 personnel, and (vii) information relating to instructional technology,
 3634 such as access to computers.

3635 (2) Collect data relating to student enrollment in and graduation
 3636 from institutions of higher education for any student who had been
 3637 assigned a unique student identifier pursuant to subsection (b) of this
 3638 section, provided such data is available.

3639 (3) Develop means for access to and data sharing with the data
 3640 systems of public institutions of higher education in the state.

3641 Sec. 585. Sections 10-16s, 10-16cc, 10-16dd, 17b-23 and 19a-83 of the
 3642 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2014*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	10-16bb
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 506	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	10-14n
Sec. 508	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-266p(a)
Sec. 509	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16n
Sec. 510	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16p
Sec. 511	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q
Sec. 512	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r
Sec. 513	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16u

Sec. 514	July 1, 2014	10-16w
Sec. 515	July 1, 2014	10-16z
Sec. 516	July 1, 2014	10-16aa
Sec. 517	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 518	July 1, 2014	17b-2
Sec. 519	July 1, 2014	17b-705a(c) to (e)
Sec. 520	July 1, 2014	17b-12
Sec. 521	July 1, 2014	17b-730
Sec. 522	July 1, 2014	17b-733
Sec. 523	July 1, 2014	17b-734
Sec. 524	July 1, 2014	17b-735(a)
Sec. 525	July 1, 2014	17b-736
Sec. 526	July 1, 2014	17b-737
Sec. 527	July 1, 2014	17b-738
Sec. 528	July 1, 2014	17b-739
Sec. 529	July 1, 2014	17b-749
Sec. 530	July 1, 2014	17b-749a
Sec. 531	July 1, 2014	17b-749c(a) and (b)
Sec. 532	July 1, 2014	17b-749d
Sec. 533	July 1, 2014	17b-749e
Sec. 534	July 1, 2014	17b-749f
Sec. 535	July 1, 2014	17b-749g
Sec. 536	July 1, 2014	17b-749h
Sec. 537	July 1, 2014	17b-749i
Sec. 538	July 1, 2014	17b-749j
Sec. 539	July 1, 2014	17b-749k
Sec. 540	July 1, 2014	17b-750
Sec. 541	July 1, 2014	17b-751
Sec. 542	July 1, 2014	17b-751d
Sec. 543	July 1, 2014	17b-751e
Sec. 544	July 1, 2014	17a-28(g)(11)
Sec. 545	July 1, 2014	19a-77
Sec. 546	July 1, 2014	19a-79
Sec. 547	July 1, 2014	19a-80
Sec. 548	July 1, 2014	19a-80f
Sec. 549	July 1, 2014	19a-82
Sec. 550	July 1, 2014	19a-86
Sec. 551	July 1, 2014	19a-87
Sec. 552	July 1, 2014	19a-87a
Sec. 553	July 1, 2014	19a-87b

Sec. 554	July 1, 2014	19a-87c
Sec. 555	July 1, 2014	19a-87d
Sec. 556	July 1, 2014	19a-87e
Sec. 557	July 1, 2014	8-210
Sec. 558	July 1, 2014	10a-194c(a)
Sec. 559	July 1, 2014	12-634
Sec. 560	July 1, 2014	17a-101(b)
Sec. 561	July 1, 2014	17b-90(b)
Sec. 562	July 1, 2014	10-16mm(a)
Sec. 563	July 1, 2014	17b-7a
Sec. 564	July 1, 2014	31-286a(d)
Sec. 565	from passage	SA 13-16, Sec. 1
Sec. 566	July 1, 2014	19a-84
Sec. 567	July 1, 2014	19a-85
Sec. 568	from passage	10-183b(14)
Sec. 569	from passage	10-183b(20)
Sec. 570	from passage	10-183b(26)
Sec. 571	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 572	July 1, 2014	19a-420
Sec. 573	July 1, 2014	19a-421
Sec. 574	July 1, 2014	19a-422
Sec. 575	July 1, 2014	19a-423
Sec. 576	July 1, 2014	19a-425
Sec. 577	July 1, 2014	19a-426
Sec. 578	July 1, 2014	19a-427
Sec. 579	July 1, 2014	19a-428
Sec. 580	July 1, 2014	19a-429
Sec. 581	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 582	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 583	from passage	New section
Sec. 584	July 1, 2014	10-10a(c)
Sec. 585	July 1, 2014	Repealer section