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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 795

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established a  
4 two-generational school readiness and workforce development pilot  
5 program. The pilot program shall operate for two years and shall  
6 foster family economic self-sufficiency in low-income households by  
7 delivering academic and job readiness support services across two  
8 generations in the same household. The pilot program shall be located  
9 in New Haven, Greater Hartford, Norwalk, Meriden, Colchester and  
10 Bridgeport. The pilot sites shall work together as a learning  
11 community, informed by technical assistance in best practices.

12 (b) The two-generational school readiness and workforce  
13 development pilot program shall serve as a blueprint for a state-wide,  
14 two-generational school readiness and workforce development model  
15 and may include opportunities for statewide learning, in addition to  
16 the pilot sites, in two generational system building and policy  
17 development. The pilot program shall be funded by state and available  
18 private moneys and shall include:

19 (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,  
20 job training, transportation, financial literacy and other related support  
21 services offered at one location, wherever possible;

22 (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational  
23 model for the delivery of the services described in subdivision (1) of  
24 this subsection on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but not  
25 be limited to, (A) the targeted use of Temporary Assistance for Needy  
26 Families (TANF) funds, to the extent permissible under federal law, to  
27 support two-generational programming, and (B) state grant incentives  
28 for private entities that develop such two-generational programming;

29 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic  
30 organizations, as available, to provide the pilot sites and interagency  
31 working group established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section  
32 with technical assistance in the phase-in and design of model two-  
33 generational programs and practices, an evaluation plan, state-wide  
34 replication and implementation of the program; and

35 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and  
36 households in each community and help coordinate the two-  
37 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and  
38 households.

39 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency working group  
40 that shall include, but not be limited to, the Commissioners of Social  
41 Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation, Public  
42 Health and Correction, or each commissioner's designee; the Labor

43 Commissioner, or the Labor Commissioner's designee; the Chief Court  
44 Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; one  
45 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
46 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
47 budgets of state agencies, appointed by the speaker of the House of  
48 Representatives; one member of the joint standing committee of the  
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
50 services, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;  
51 representatives of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations and  
52 scholars who are experts in two-generational programs and policies;  
53 and other business and academic professionals as needed to achieve  
54 goals for two-generational systems planning, evaluations and  
55 outcomes. The staff of the Commission on Children shall serve as the  
56 organizing and administrative staff of the working group.

57 (d) The interagency working group may contract with a private or  
58 quasi-public organization to serve as a fiduciary for the program.  
59 Coordinators of two-generational programs in each community in the  
60 pilot program and any organization serving as a fiduciary for the  
61 program shall report on a quarterly basis to the interagency working  
62 group.

63 (e) Not later than January 1, 2017, the interagency working group  
64 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
65 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
66 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
67 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies that  
68 details: (1) The number of families served in the program; (2) the  
69 number of adults who have obtained jobs since receiving services from  
70 the program; (3) the number of children who have improved  
71 academically, including, but not limited to, (A) achievement band  
72 increases, and (B) improvements in reading comprehension and math  
73 literacy; (4) the number of adults who have received job training,  
74 completed job training, enrolled in educational courses and obtained  
75 educational certificates or degrees; (5) the cost of the program in both

76 state and private dollars; and (6) recommendations to expand the  
77 program to additional communities state-wide."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section