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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT PROVIDING CHILD CARE FOR ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
ENROLLED IN APPROVED HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the 2016 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish and
5 operate a child care subsidy program to increase the availability,
6 affordability and quality of child care services for families with a
7 parent or caretaker who (1) is working or attending high school, or (2)
8 receives cash assistance under the temporary family assistance
9 program from the Department of Social Services and is participating in
10 an [approved] education, training or other job preparation activity
11 approved pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-688i, as amended
12 by this act, or section 17b-689d. Services available under the child care
13 program shall include the provision of child care subsidies for children
14 under the age of thirteen or children under the age of nineteen with
15 special needs. The Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain

16 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer
17 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The
18 office shall issue a notice on the office's Internet web site any time the
19 office closes the program to new applications, changes eligibility
20 requirements, changes program benefits or makes any other change to
21 the program's status or terms, provided the office shall not be required
22 to issue such notice when the office expands program eligibility. Any
23 change in the office's acceptance of new applications, eligibility
24 requirements, program benefits or any other change to the program's
25 status or terms for which the office is required to give notice pursuant
26 to this subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the office
27 issues such notice.

28 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688i of the general statutes is
29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
30 *1, 2016*):

31 (b) To the extent permitted under section 17b-688c, the Labor
32 Department shall be responsible for the administration of employment
33 services to recipients of temporary family assistance under the
34 employment services program administered by the Department of
35 Social Services pursuant to section 17-688c. The employment services
36 provided by the Labor Department shall include appropriate basic
37 education and occupational skills training combined with subsidized
38 or unsubsidized work experience and employment, as deemed
39 appropriate by the Labor Department, and any other programs or
40 services deemed appropriate by the Labor Department, to the extent
41 permitted under state and federal law, including, but not limited to,
42 the following: (1) Employment; (2) work-study, internship or
43 apprenticeship opportunities; (3) adult skills training, including
44 literacy, mathematics and language proficiency with curriculum
45 related to job opportunities and job search skills; (4) occupational skills
46 training; (5) case management and counseling in successful work skills;
47 (6) attendance at a two or four-year college or university in pursuit of a
48 degree to increase employability; and ~~[(6)]~~ (7) access to state-

49 subsidized child care and transportation, where needed. Services may
50 be provided by existing service providers, including, but not limited
51 to, local or regional boards of education or regional educational service
52 centers that offer adult education programs, community-technical
53 colleges and technical high schools.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-749(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-688i(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To promote employability of persons who are receiving temporary family assistance by providing child care subsidies for those enrolled in an approved higher education program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]