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Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-112l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

3 (a) There is established a two-generational school readiness and
4 workforce development [pilot program] initiative. The [pilot program]
5 shall operate through June 30, 2017, and] initiative shall foster family
6 economic self-sufficiency in low-income households by [delivering]
7 promoting systemic change to create conditions across agencies and
8 the private sector to support academic and [job] workforce readiness
9 [support services] and success across two generations in the same
10 household. Households may include, but need not be limited to,
11 mothers, fathers, noncustodial parents and other primary caregivers.
12 The [pilot program shall be located in] initiative shall be implemented
13 in sites that include but are not limited to, New Haven, Greater
14 Hartford, Norwalk, Meriden, [Colchester] Windham, Enfield,
15 Waterbury and Bridgeport. The [pilot] sites participating in the
16 initiative shall work together as a learning community, informed by

17 members of low-income households within the [pilot] sites, peer-to-
18 peer exchange and technical assistance in best practices. For purposes
19 of this section, "Greater Hartford" means Hartford, East Hartford and
20 West Hartford.

21 (b) The two-generational school readiness and workforce
22 development [pilot program] initiative shall serve as a [blueprint]
23 platform for a state-wide, two-generational school readiness and
24 workforce development model [and] that leverages interagency funds,
25 including, but not limited to, temporary assistance for needy families
26 block grant funds, and services to equip households with the tools and
27 skills they need to overcome obstacles and engage opportunities. The
28 initiative may include opportunities for state-wide learning [, in
29 addition to the pilot sites,] in two-generational system building and
30 policy development. The [pilot program shall] initiative shall align
31 existing state and local support systems around the household, and be
32 funded by state and available private moneys and shall include:

33 (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,
34 job training, transportation, financial literacy and other related support
35 services, including, but not limited to, health and mental health
36 services, offered whenever possible at one location; [, wherever
37 possible;]

38 (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational
39 model for the [delivery of the services] coordination and alignment of
40 the service delivery described in subdivision (1) of this subsection on a
41 state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to,
42 (A) the targeted use of [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
43 (TANF)] temporary assistance for needy families block grant funds, to
44 the extent permissible under federal law, to support two-generational
45 programming, and (B) state [grant] incentives for private entities that
46 develop such two-generational programming; and

47 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic

48 organizations, as available, to provide support, technical assistance,
49 guidance and best practices to the [pilot] sites and interagency
50 working group established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
51 [with technical assistance in the phase-in and design of model two-
52 generational programs and practices, an evaluation plan, state-wide
53 replication and implementation of the program; and

54 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and
55 households in each community and help coordinate the two-
56 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and
57 households.]

58 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency working group
59 that shall include, but need not be limited to, the Commissioners of
60 Social Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation,
61 Public Health and Correction, the Labor Commissioner or each
62 commissioner's designee; [the Labor Commissioner, or the Labor
63 Commissioner's designee;] the Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief
64 Court Administrator's designee; one member of the joint standing
65 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
66 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, appointed
67 by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the
68 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
69 of matters relating to human services, appointed by the president pro
70 tempore of the Senate; one member representing the interests of
71 business or trade organizations, appointed by the majority leader of
72 the Senate; one member with expertise on issues concerning children
73 and families, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
74 Representatives; one member of the joint standing committee of the
75 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
76 transportation, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one
77 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
78 having cognizance of matters relating to education, appointed by the
79 minority leader of the House of Representatives; not more than six
80 members of low-income households selected by the agency

81 coordinating services at each [pilot] site; representatives of nonprofit
82 and philanthropic organizations and scholars who are experts in two-
83 generational programs and policies; and other business and academic
84 professionals as needed to achieve goals for two-generational systems
85 planning, evaluations and outcomes. The staff of the Commission on
86 Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the organizing and
87 administrative staff of the working group.

88 (d) Coordinators of two-generational programs in each community
89 in the [pilot program and any organization serving as a fiduciary for
90 the program shall] initiative shall submit an annual report [on a
91 quarterly basis] not later than ninety days after the end of the fiscal
92 year to the interagency working group. Such report shall (1) constitute
93 the sole required report to all agencies engaged in the initiative, and (2)
94 include program outcomes and information on the expenditure of any
95 state-provided initiative funds.

96 (e) Not later than [January 1, 2017] January 15, 2018, and annually
97 thereafter, the interagency working group shall submit a report, in
98 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
99 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
100 relating to education, housing, human services, public health,
101 transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
102 that states: (1) The [parent-informed] strategies selected for success; (2)
103 the challenges and opportunities in working with a parent and child
104 concurrently [to promote school and workforce success] in a two-
105 generational service delivery model; (3) the changes in systems, policy,
106 program, budget or communications among agencies and service
107 providers on the local and state levels to achieve the [goals of the
108 program] two-generational outcomes; (4) [child, parent] parent-
109 informed child, parent and [family] household outcomes, [in the areas
110 of school readiness and school success,] as determined by the
111 interagency working group; [in consultation with state and national
112 evaluators; (5) workforce readiness, work success and family support
113 outcomes, as determined by the interagency working group in

114 consultation with state and national evaluators; (6) the cost of the
115 program in both state and private dollars; and (7)] and (5)
116 recommendations [to expand the program to additional communities
117 state wide] on the elimination of barriers to promote two-generational
118 success.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	17b-112l

Statement of Purpose:

To build upon and expand a two-generational service delivery model to achieve school readiness and workforce success.

[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.]