



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 873

January Session, 2017



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 Section 17b-112l of the general statutes is repealed and the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 participating in the
50 initiative and interagency working group established pursuant to
51 subsection (c) of this section. [with technical assistance in the phase-in
52 and design of model two-generational programs and practices, an
53 evaluation plan, state-wide replication and implementation of the

54 program; and

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

59 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency working group
60 that shall include, but need not be limited to, the Commissioners of
61 Social Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation,
62 Public Health and Correction, and the Labor Commissioner, or each
63 commissioner's designee; [the Labor Commissioner, or the Labor
64 Commissioner's designee;] the Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief
65 Court Administrator's designee; one member of the joint standing
66 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
67 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, appointed
68 by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the
69 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
70 of matters relating to human services, appointed by the president pro
71 tempore of the Senate; one member representing the interests of
72 business or trade organizations, appointed by the majority leader of
73 the Senate; one member with expertise on issues concerning children
74 and families, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
75 Representatives; one member of the joint standing committee of the
76 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
77 transportation, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one
78 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
79 having cognizance of matters relating to education, appointed by the
80 minority leader of the House of Representatives; not more than six
81 members of low-income households selected by the agency
82 coordinating services at each [pilot] site participating in the initiative;
83 representatives of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations and
84 scholars who are experts in two-generational programs and policies;
85 and other business and academic professionals as needed to achieve
86 goals for two-generational systems planning, evaluations and

87 outcomes. The staff of the Commission on Women, Children and
88 Seniors shall serve as the organizing and administrative staff of the
89 working group.

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

98 (e) Not later than [January 1, 2017] January 15, 2018, and annually
99 thereafter, the interagency working group shall submit a report, in
100 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
101 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
102 relating to education, housing, human services, public health,
103 transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
104 that states: (1) The [parent-informed] strategies selected for success; (2)
105 the challenges and opportunities in working with a parent and child
106 concurrently [to promote school and workforce success] in a two-
107 generational service delivery model; (3) the changes in systems, policy,
108 program, budget or communications among agencies and service
109 providers on the local and state levels to achieve the [goals of the
110 program] two-generational outcomes; (4) [child, parent] parent-
111 informed child, parent and [family] household outcomes, [in the areas
112 of school readiness and school success,] as determined by the
113 interagency working group; [in consultation with state and national
114 evaluators; (5) workforce readiness, work success and family support
115 outcomes, as determined by the interagency working group in
116 consultation with state and national evaluators; (6) the cost of the
117 program in both state and private dollars; and (7)] and (5)
118 recommendations [to expand the program to additional communities
119 state wide] on the elimination of barriers to promote two-generational

120 success.

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

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

APP *Joint Favorable*