



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 934

LCO No. 3912



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.

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 general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

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] enrolled in high
8 school, a public or independent institution of higher education, an
9 adult education program pursuant to section 10-69, an English as a
10 second language program or a private occupational school authorized
11 pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, or (2) receives cash
12 assistance under the temporary family assistance program from the
13 Department of Social Services and is participating in an education,
14 training or other job preparation activity approved pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of section 17b-688i or subsection (b) of section 17b-689d.

16 Services available under the child care subsidy program shall include
17 the provision of child care subsidies for children under the age of
18 thirteen or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The
19 Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain enrollment for the
20 child care subsidy program and shall administer such program within
21 the existing budgetary resources available. The office shall issue a
22 notice on the office's Internet web site any time the office closes the
23 program to new applications, changes eligibility requirements,
24 changes program benefits or makes any other change to the program's
25 status or terms. [, except the office shall not be required to issue such
26 notice when the office expands program eligibility.] Any change in the
27 office's acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements,
28 program benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms
29 for which the office is required to give notice pursuant to this
30 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the office issues
31 such notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	17b-749(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to parents who are enrolled in school, in addition to high school, and require advance notice of expanded program eligibility.

[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.]