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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL INITIATIVE."**

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of  
4 Policy and Management, in collaboration with the Two-Generational  
5 Advisory Board established pursuant to section 17b-112l of the general  
6 statutes, as amended by this act, shall develop an interagency plan to  
7 coordinate and align delivery of services to assist families to overcome  
8 barriers to economic success.

9 (b) The Secretary shall begin to implement the interagency plan not  
10 later than January 1, 2020. The plan shall include, but need not be

11 limited to: (1) Development of an infrastructure to promote data  
12 sharing within and between state agencies to the extent permissible  
13 under federal and state law; (2) coordination and leverage of existing  
14 resources to assist families to overcome common barriers to economic  
15 success; (3) consideration of innovative approaches based on input of  
16 parents and other community members to increase the impact of the  
17 Two Generational Initiative; and (4) shared indicators and goals for  
18 interagency collaboration to achieve quantifiable and verifiable  
19 systems change to disrupt cycles of intergenerational poverty and  
20 advance family economic self-sufficiency and racial and socio-  
21 economic equity. Such indicators and goals, may include, but need not  
22 be limited to: (A) Improvements to service and resource coordination  
23 and delivery across one or more programs for early learning, adult  
24 education, child care, housing, job training, transportation, financial  
25 literacy, health and mental health services, and (B) efforts to  
26 sufficiently support pathways to family-sustaining workforce  
27 opportunities.

28 Sec. 2. Section 17b-112l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

30 (a) There is established [an] a two-generational initiative to [foster  
31 family economic self-sufficiency in low-income households through a  
32 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach] disrupt  
33 cycles of poverty and advance family economic self-sufficiency. The  
34 initiative shall [promote systemic change to create conditions across  
35 local and state public sector agencies and the private sector]  
36 collaborate across public and private sectors to support early  
37 childhood care and education, health and workforce readiness and  
38 economic self-sufficiency across two generations in the same  
39 household. Households may include, but need not be limited to,  
40 children and their mothers, fathers, noncustodial parents and other  
41 primary caregivers.

42 (b) The Office of Early Childhood shall serve as the two-  
43 generational initiative's coordinating agency. [for the executive

44 branch.] The initiative may [review and consider] include review and  
45 consideration of the following, within available appropriations, to  
46 attain family economic mobility and success:

47 (1) [Improvements to the coordination and delivery of]  
48 Coordination and delivery of programs that improve access to services  
49 and equity in opportunity to achieve family economic success. Such  
50 programs may include, but need not be limited to, early learning  
51 programs, adult education, child care, housing, apprenticeship and job  
52 training, transportation, financial literacy, [and other related support  
53 services, including, but not limited to,] health and mental health  
54 services, and sufficiently supported pathways to family-sustaining  
55 workforce opportunities, offered at one location, [wherever] whenever  
56 possible; and

57 (2) Alignment of [existing state and local support systems around  
58 the (A) household, including how to leverage] state and federal  
59 resources around the family including the Temporary Assistance for  
60 Needy Families block grant funds, and services to equip such  
61 [households] families with the tools and skills needed to overcome  
62 obstacles and engage opportunities. [, and (B) the coordinated state-  
63 wide reading plan for students in kindergarten to grade three,  
64 inclusive, developed pursuant to section 10-14v;

65 (3) Development of a long-term plan to coordinate, align and  
66 optimize service delivery of relevant programs state wide. Such plan  
67 may include, but need not be limited to, (A) the targeted use of  
68 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds, to the  
69 extent permissible under federal law, to support two-generational  
70 programming; (B) state incentives for private entities that develop such  
71 two-generational programming; (C) streamlined resource, practice and  
72 data sharing among and between agencies that serve families involved  
73 in the initiative in order to best serve such families; and (D) the  
74 development and assessment of two-generational programming  
75 outcomes; and

76 (4) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic  
77 organizations, as available, to provide support, technical assistance,  
78 guidance and best practices to the participating communities in the  
79 initiative and the advisory council established pursuant to subsection  
80 (d) of this section.]

81 (c) [The] Implementation of the initiative shall foster the  
82 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach for early  
83 care and education and workforce readiness in learning communities  
84 that may include, but need not be limited to, New Haven, Hartford,  
85 East Hartford, West Hartford, Norwalk, Meriden, Windham, Enfield,  
86 Waterbury and Bridgeport. The initiative shall be [informed by  
87 members of low-income households within these communities and]  
88 implemented in partnership with parent and family leaders to  
89 determine the priorities and challenges of low-income households.  
90 Coordinators of the initiative shall foster a peer-to-peer exchange and  
91 technical assistance in best practices between learning communities  
92 that shall be shared with the advisory [council] board established  
93 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. The staff of the Commission  
94 on Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the [organizing and]  
95 administrative staff to the learning communities.

96 [(d) A Two-Generational Advisory Council shall be established as  
97 part of the initiative to advise the state on how to foster family  
98 economic self-sufficiency in low-income households through a  
99 comprehensive two-generational service delivery approach for early  
100 care and education and workforce readiness. The council shall consist  
101 of one member of the General Assembly appointed by the speaker of  
102 the House of Representatives, who shall serve as a cochairperson; one  
103 member of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
104 Senate, who shall serve as a cochairperson; one member representing  
105 the interests of business or trade organizations appointed by the  
106 majority leader of the Senate; one member with expertise on issues  
107 concerning health and mental health appointed by the majority leader  
108 of the House of Representatives; one member on issues concerning  
109 children and families appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

110 one member of the General Assembly appointed by the minority  
111 leader of the House of Representatives; a member of a low-income  
112 household selected by the Commission on Women, Children and  
113 Seniors; representatives of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations  
114 and scholars who are experts in two-generational programs and  
115 policies; and other business and academic professionals as needed to  
116 achieve goals for two-generational systems planning, evaluations and  
117 outcomes selected by the cochairpersons. The Commissioners of Social  
118 Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation, Public  
119 Health and Correction and the Labor Commissioner, or each  
120 commissioner's designee; and the Chief Court Administrator, or the  
121 Chief Court Administrator's designee, shall serve as ex-officio  
122 members of the advisory council. The staff of the Commission on  
123 Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the organizing and  
124 administrative staff of the advisory council.

125 (e) Not later than September 1, 2018, the Two-Generational  
126 Advisory Council shall consult with the Office of the Attorney  
127 General, the Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut  
128 Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network,  
129 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, to develop a uniform  
130 approach among partner agencies in the two-generational initiative to  
131 facilitate data sharing in accordance with state and federal law  
132 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
133 this section.

134 (f) Not later than December 31, 2018, the advisory council shall  
135 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint  
136 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
137 matters relating to education, housing, human services, labor, public  
138 health, transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state  
139 agencies that includes: (1) The challenges and opportunities in  
140 working with a parent and child concurrently in a two-generational  
141 service delivery model; (2) recommendations to improve systems,  
142 policy, culture, program, budget or communications issues among  
143 agencies and service providers on the local and state levels to achieve

144 two-generational outcomes; (3) recommendations on the elimination of  
145 barriers to promote two-generational success; and (4)  
146 recommendations concerning improved data sharing developed  
147 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section across two-generational  
148 initiative partner agencies.]

149 (d) A Two-Generational Advisory Board shall be established as part  
150 of the initiative to advise the state, the legislature and the Secretary of  
151 the Office of Policy and Management on how to foster family economic  
152 self-sufficiency in low income households through a comprehensive  
153 two-generational service delivery approach for early child care,  
154 education and workforce readiness. The board shall work in  
155 partnership with philanthropic organizations, as available, to provide  
156 support, technical assistance, guidance and best practices to the  
157 participating communities in the initiative designated pursuant to  
158 subsection (c) of this section. The board shall consist of (1) one member  
159 of the General Assembly, appointed by the speaker of the House of  
160 Representatives, who shall serve as a cochairperson; (2) one member of  
161 the Senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
162 shall serve as a cochairperson; (3) one member representing the  
163 interests of business or trade organizations, appointed by the majority  
164 leader of the Senate; (4) one member with expertise on issues  
165 concerning physical and mental health appointed by the majority  
166 leader of the House of Representatives; (5) one member with expertise  
167 on issues concerning children and families, appointed by the minority  
168 leader of the Senate; (6) one member of the General Assembly,  
169 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (7)  
170 one member appointed by the Governor; (8) representatives of  
171 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations and scholars who are  
172 experts in two-generational programs and policies, including, but not  
173 limited to, at least one such representative and scholar with experience  
174 in developing strategies to achieve racial equity and social justice; (9)  
175 parent or family leaders representing low-income households, selected  
176 by the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, who shall  
177 constitute one-fourth of the board; and (10) other business and

178 academic professionals as needed to achieve goals for two-  
179 generational systems planning, evaluations and outcomes selected by  
180 the cochairpersons. The Commissioners of Children and Families,  
181 Administrative Services, Economic and Community Development,  
182 Social Services, Early Childhood, Education, Housing, Transportation,  
183 Public Health and Correction and the Labor Commissioner, or each  
184 commissioner's designee, the president of the Connecticut State  
185 Colleges and Universities, or the president's designee, and the Chief  
186 Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee,  
187 shall serve as ex-officio members of the advisory board. The staff of the  
188 Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall serve as the  
189 organizing and administrative staff of the advisory board.

190 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority  
191 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in  
192 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary  
193 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer  
194 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and the Connecticut Preschool  
195 through Twenty and Workforce Information Network, established  
196 pursuant to section 10a-57g, shall develop a uniform interagency data  
197 sharing protocol to remove legal barriers to promote cross-agency and  
198 cross-sector collaboration under this section to the fullest extent  
199 permitted under state and federal laws.

200 (f) Not later than December 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
201 Two-Generational Advisory Board, in consultation with the Secretary  
202 of the Office of Policy and Management, shall file a report, in  
203 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
204 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
205 relating to children, education, housing, human services, labor, public  
206 health, transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state  
207 agencies. The report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)  
208 Shared indicators and goals for interagency collaboration developed  
209 pursuant to section 1 of this act, (2) improvements in Two-  
210 Generational Initiative service coordination and streamlined resources,  
211 (3) methods of improved family engagement to assure continuous

212 feedback from family leaders regarding the priorities and challenges of  
213 low income households, and (4) recommendations to (A) improve  
214 systems, policy, culture, program, budget or communications issues  
215 among agencies and service providers on the local and state levels to  
216 achieve two-generational success, (B) eliminate barriers to two-  
217 generational success, and (C) improve data sharing within and  
218 between agencies to inform systems and policy direction to achieve  
219 family economic success."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2019	17b-112l