



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5222***

LCO No. 1610



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES.***

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 2020 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish and operate  
5 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability  
6 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker  
7 who (1) is working or attending high school, [or] (2) receives cash  
8 assistance under the temporary family assistance program from the  
9 Department of Social Services and is participating in an education,  
10 training or other job preparation activity approved pursuant to  
11 subsection (b) of section 17b-688i or subsection (b) of section 17b-689d,  
12 or (3) satisfies the criteria described in category 1 or category 4 of the  
13 definition of homeless, as defined in 24 CFR Parts 91, 582 and 583 by the  
14 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and has  
15 been seeking employment while living in a homeless shelter for at least

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2020	17b-749(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to include homeless families.

*[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.]*