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Raised Bill No. 5379

LCO No. 2249



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF SLOTS FOR STATE-FUNDED CHILD CARE CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 8-210 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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
5 Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a municipality, a
6 human resource development agency or a nonprofit corporation for
7 state financial assistance in developing and operating child care centers
8 for children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or
9 environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall
10 be available for the operating costs of any such child care center unless
11 it has been licensed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood pursuant
12 to section 19a-80. Such financial assistance shall be available for a
13 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency or
14 of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,
15 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and

16 remodeling of the physical facilities of such child care centers. Such
17 contract shall provide for state financial assistance, within available
18 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of the
19 cost of such program, as determined by the Commissioner of Early
20 Childhood, if not federally assisted, (2) equal to one-half of the amount
21 by which the net cost of such program, as approved by the
22 Commissioner of Early Childhood, exceeds the federal grant-in-aid
23 thereof, or (3) in an amount not less than the per child cost as described
24 in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q, for each child in
25 such program that is three or four years of age and each child that is five
26 years of age who is not eligible to enroll in school, pursuant to section
27 10-15c, while maintaining services to children under three years of age
28 under this section. An operator of a child care center receiving state
29 financial assistance under this section may allocate up to thirty per cent
30 of the spaces at such center to children who are members of families
31 with incomes above seventy-five per cent of the state median income.
32 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter,
33 the amount per child pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection that
34 is over the amount of the per child cost that was prescribed pursuant to
35 the contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, shall be used
36 exclusively to increase the salaries of early childhood educators
37 employed at the child care center. The Commissioner of Early
38 Childhood may authorize child care centers receiving financial
39 assistance under this subsection to apply a program surplus to the next
40 program year. The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall consult with
41 directors of child care centers in establishing fees for the operation of
42 such centers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	8-210(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow certain operators of a child care center to allocate up to thirty per cent of the spaces at such center to children who are members of

families with incomes above seventy-five per cent of the state median income.

[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.]