

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 87**

LCO No. 2266

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD'S CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Victim of domestic violence" means a person who has been
3 abused or subjected to extreme cruelty by an alleged abuser through:
4 (A) Physical acts that resulted in or were intended to result in physical
5 injury; (B) sexual abuse; (C) sexual activity involving a child in the
6 home; (D) being forced to participate in nonconsensual sexual acts or
7 activities; (E) threats of or attempts at physical or sexual abuse; (F)
8 mental abuse; or (G) neglect or deprivation of medical care; and

9 (2) "Alleged abuser" means the current or former spouse of a victim
10 of domestic violence or the person with whom a victim of domestic
11 violence has a dependent child or children.

12 (b) Notwithstanding the requirement to consider the gross income of
13 a family pursuant to the income standards established in accordance
14 with section 17b-749 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Early
15 Childhood, in reviewing an application for the child care subsidy
16 program established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes
17 of a person who alleges to be a victim of domestic violence, shall not

18 consider the income or require documentation of the income of the
19 alleged abuser of such person, provided the person does not reside or
20 plans not to reside with the alleged abuser. The commissioner may
21 require such person to provide a sworn statement attesting to such
22 domestic violence or to submit to the commissioner any evidence of
23 such domestic violence that may include, but is not limited to: (1) Police,
24 government agency or court records; or (2) documentation from a
25 domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-146k of the general
26 statutes, or a legal or medical professional from whom the applicant has
27 sought assistance in dealing with such domestic violence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section