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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6559

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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD."

1 In line 817, insert "z" after "member"

2 Strike section 9 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 9. Section 17b-749k of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall, within available
6 appropriations, require any person, other than a relative, who provides
7 child care services to a child and who receives a child care subsidy from
8 the Office of Early Childhood, to submit to comprehensive background
9 checks, including state and national criminal history records checks. The
10 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection
11 shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The commissioner
12 shall also request a check of the state child abuse registry established

13 pursuant to section 17a-101k.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall, within available
15 appropriations, require any relative who provides child care services to
16 a child and who receives a child care subsidy from the Office of Early
17 Childhood, to submit to a check of (1) [state and national sexual offender
18 registry databases] the National Sex Offender Public Website
19 maintained by the United States Department of Justice and the registry
20 established and maintained pursuant to section 54-257, (2) the state child
21 abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, and (3) the
22 Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Communication Teleprocessing
23 System maintained by the Department of Emergency Services and
24 Public Protection. If such check reveals that the name of any such
25 relative appears in such databases, on said registry or in said system, the
26 commissioner may require such relative to submit to state and national
27 criminal history records checks conducted in accordance with section
28 29-17a.

29 (c) The commissioner shall have the discretion to refuse payments for
30 child care under any financial assistance program administered by him
31 or her if the person or relative providing such child care has been
32 convicted in this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in section
33 53a-25, involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical
34 force against another person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20,
35 injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section
36 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of six years under section
37 53-23 or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under
38 eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70b of the general
39 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or section 53a-70,
40 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record or
41 was the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse in this state or
42 any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes renders the
43 person or relative unsuitable to provide child care."