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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 1047**

#### ***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN CONTRACTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Office of Early Childhood commissioner to allocate funds to allow regional educational service centers to provide (1) professional development services, (2) technical assistance and evaluation, and (3) program planning and implementation activities to local and regional boards of education, school readiness programs, child care centers, group and family child care homes, and other early childhood care and education entities the commissioner determines.

Under the bill, any funds the commissioner allocates for these purposes must be spent according to procedures and conditions the commissioner sets. The bill gives the commissioner this authority regardless of existing state agency procurement laws on (1) the comptroller's approval of purchase orders, (2) competitive bidding and other procedural requirements for agencies entering into personal service agreements, and (3) the Department of Administrative Services commissioner's duties to contract for supplies or services through competitive bidding or competitive negotiation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

#### **DEFINITIONS**

##### ***Child Care Facilities***

By law, a "child care center" is one that offers or provides supplementary care to more than 12 children outside their own homes on a regular basis.

A "group child care home" is one that (1) offers or provides supplementary care to at least seven and up to 12 children on a regular

basis or (2) meets the “family child care home” definition, but does not operate in a private family home.

A “family child care home” generally is a private family home where care is provided on a regularly recurring basis to up to six children, including the provider’s own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for at least three, but no more than 12, hours during a 24-hour period. There are exceptions, including for cases involving extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care (CGS § 19a-77).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 15    Nay 4    (02/28/2023)