



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6565

*House of Representatives, March 21, 2023*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE CENTERS NEAR CAMPUSES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 8 of public act 22-101 is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "child care center" means a facility that is  
4 licensed by the Office of Early Childhood as a child care center or a  
5 group child care home, both as defined in section 19a-77 of the general  
6 statutes.

7 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with  
8 the Office of Early Childhood, shall develop a plan to increase the  
9 number of child care centers on or near each campus of the regional  
10 community-technical colleges and the Connecticut State University  
11 System with the goals of (1) providing quality child care services for the  
12 staff, students and surrounding community of each campus, (2)

13 addressing the child care needs of nontraditional students, and (3)  
 14 fostering relationships between such colleges and universities and their  
 15 surrounding communities. Such plan shall include, but need not be  
 16 limited to, (A) the development, expansion and maintenance of child  
 17 care centers that [(A)] (i) are utilized by an early childhood education  
 18 program for instructional purposes, or [(B)] (ii) provide evening and  
 19 weekend child care services in accordance with college or university  
 20 course schedules, (B) an assessment of (i) the child care needs of the  
 21 student body, and (ii) the existing child care services and facilities  
 22 available on each campus or in the surrounding community of each  
 23 campus, (C) opportunities for collaboration with other state agencies,  
 24 federal programs, community organizations or nonprofit organizations  
 25 to carry out such plan, and (D) a budget and implementation timeline  
 26 for such plan.

27 (c) Not later than January 1, [2023] 2024, the Board of Regents for  
 28 Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of  
 29 section 11-4a of the general statutes, the plan developed pursuant to  
 30 subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing committees of the  
 31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
 32 education and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Such  
 33 plan shall include an estimated budget and implementation timeline for  
 34 the development of additional child care centers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 22-101, Sec. 8

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill expands the requirements and extends the reporting date of an existing plan for the Board of Regents for Higher Education to consult with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to develop a plan to increase the number of OEC-licensed child care centers or group child care homes on or near each regional community technical college and state university campus. This does not result in a fiscal impact as the additional plan requirements will not require additional resources.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6565*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE CENTERS NEAR CAMPUSES.*****SUMMARY**

Existing law requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to consult with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to develop a plan to increase the number of OEC-licensed child care centers or group child care homes on or near each regional community technical college and state university campus. The plan must include the expansion and maintenance of child care facilities that (1) are utilized by an early childhood education program for instructional purposes or (2) provide evening and weekend child care services in accordance with college or university course schedules.

The bill adds the following to the plan's requirements:

1. an assessment of the student body's child care needs and the existing child care services and facilities available on each campus or in the surrounding community;
2. opportunities for collaboration with other state agencies, federal programs, community organizations, or nonprofit organizations to carry out the plan; and
3. a budget and implementation timeline for the plan.

Current law required BOR to submit the plan to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee by January 1, 2023. (The report was not submitted.) The bill instead requires BOR to submit the plan by January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/07/2023)