



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 43**

January Session, 2023

Senate Bill No. 1047

*Senate, March 9, 2023*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MAHER, C. of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of sections 4-98, 4-212 to 4-219, inclusive, 4a-51 and 4a-57 of  
3 the general statutes, the Commissioner of Early Childhood may allocate  
4 funds to allow regional educational service centers to provide  
5 professional development services, technical assistance and evaluation,  
6 and program planning and implementation activities to local and  
7 regional boards of education, school readiness programs, child care  
8 centers, group child care homes and family child care homes, as such  
9 terms are described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, and other  
10 early childhood care and education entities, as determined by the  
11 commissioner. Any funds allocated by the commissioner under this  
12 section shall be expended in accordance with procedures and conditions  
13 prescribed by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
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**KID**      *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.*

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain/Loss	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill would expand the type of procurement methods the Commissioner of the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) may use when seeking to enter into contractual services contracts with Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs). This has no fiscal impact to the state as it is not anticipated to the value of the contracts. To the extent this change does impact the amounts received by town-based providers, they could experience an associated revenue gain or loss.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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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)