



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6565***

LCO No. 3332



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***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 Section 8 of public act 22-101 is repealed and the following  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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To extend the deadline by which the Board of Regent's for Higher Education is required to submit a plan to increase the number and improve the quality of child care centers near campuses and to include additional requirements for such plan.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*