
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 249

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the early childhood commissioner to license up to 20 facilities across the state to be used for the Early Childhood Business Incubator Program. It replaces the allowance under current law that limits the commissioner to only issuing a license for one facility in each of seven specified cities (see BACKGROUND).

The bill also removes the limit on the duration of the licenses issued under the program, which are set to expire at the end of fiscal year 2026 under current law. However, it retains the commissioner's right to suspend or revoke a license at any time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Early Childhood Business Incubator Program

The Early Childhood Business Incubator Program allows the Office of Early Childhood to issue family child care home licenses to a person or group who provides child care services in a commissioner-approved space outside of a family home in partnership with an association, organization, corporation, institution, or public or private agency. Under current law, the commissioner may license up to one facility under the program in each of the following seven cities: Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Stamford, and Waterbury. Prior to the creation of the program, family child care home licenses were only issued for child care services provided in the licensee's private home.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)