



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

**Raised Bill No. 249**

LCO No. 2247



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS  
INCUBATOR PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 19a-87b of the 2024 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 (l) [For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2026,  
5 inclusive, the] The Commissioner of Early Childhood may issue a  
6 license to maintain a family child care home in New Britain, New  
7 Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, Danbury or Waterbury in  
8 accordance with the provisions of this chapter to a person or group of  
9 persons who have partnered with an association, organization,  
10 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, to provide child  
11 care services in a space provided by such association, organization,  
12 corporation, institution or agency, provided such space has been  
13 approved by the commissioner and is not in a private family home. The  
14 commissioner shall not approve more than [one facility in each such  
15 city] a total of twenty facilities throughout the state to be used for

16 licenses issued under this subsection. An application for a license under  
17 this subsection shall include a copy of the current fire marshal certificate  
18 of compliance with the Fire Safety Code, and written verification of  
19 compliance with the State Building Code, local zoning and building  
20 requirements and local health ordinances. The commissioner may  
21 require an applicant for a license under this subsection to comply with  
22 additional conditions relating to the health and safety of the children  
23 who will be served in such facility. The commissioner may waive any  
24 requirement that does not apply to such facility. [Any license issued  
25 under this subsection shall expire on June 30, 2026, except that the] The  
26 commissioner may suspend or revoke any [such] license issued under  
27 this subsection at any time in accordance with the provisions of section  
28 19a-87e.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |            |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2024 | 19a-87b(1) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To remove the limit on the duration of the early childhood business incubator program and change the number of facilities that may be approved under the program from one per specified municipality to twenty throughout the state.

*[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.]*