



AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM PORTAL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2028,
2 the Office of Early Childhood shall establish and maintain an electronic
3 portal available on the Internet, through a mobile application and
4 located on the office's Internet web site, for purposes of providing real-
5 time information concerning the availability of slots in early care and
6 education programs in the state. Such electronic portal shall be known
7 as the Early Care and Education Program Portal.

8 (b) The Early Care and Education Program Portal shall include, but
9 need not be limited to: (1) Real-time information on the availability of
10 slots in early care and education programs, including the availability of
11 subsidized slots, in each town and on a regional and state-wide basis;
12 (2) a means for early care and education program providers to enter slot
13 availability and enrollment information into the portal efficiently and
14 through a program's existing child-care management software; (3)
15 access to the portal through a mobile application for users; (4)
16 opportunities for families to apply for child-care subsidies or other
17 assistance; and (5) a means for stakeholders and policymakers to
18 conduct town-by-town, regional and state-wide analyses of early care
19 and education needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "shall, among other things, include:" was changed to "shall include, but need not be limited to:", for proper form.

KID *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*