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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2025, after the accounts for the General Fund have been closed
3 and the Comptroller has determined the amount of unappropriated
4 surplus, if any, in said fund, the amount of such surplus to a maximum
5 of one hundred million dollars shall be transferred by the Treasurer to
6 the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established pursuant to
7 section 10-511 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

8 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, after the accounts for the
9 General Fund have been closed and the Comptroller has determined the
10 amount of unappropriated surplus, if any, in said fund, the amount of
11 such surplus to a maximum of one hundred million dollars shall be
12 transferred by the Treasurer to the Early Childhood Care and Education
13 Fund established pursuant to section 10-511 of the general statutes, as
14 amended by this act.

15 (c) Any amount transferred pursuant to this section shall be deducted

16 in determining the amount of unappropriated surplus to be transferred
17 to the Budget Reserve Fund pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-30a
18 of the general statutes.

19 Sec. 2. Section 10-511 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

21 (a) There is established the Early Childhood Care and Education
22 Fund. Said fund may contain any moneys required or permitted by law
23 to be deposited in the fund and shall receive and hold all payments and
24 deposits for contributions intended for said fund, as well as gifts,
25 bequests, endowments or federal, state or local grants and any other
26 funds from any public or private source and all earnings until disbursed
27 in accordance with the provisions of this section.

28 (b) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall not constitute property
29 of the state and said fund shall not be construed to be a department,
30 institution or agency of the state. Amounts on deposit in said fund shall
31 not be commingled with state funds and the state shall have no claim to
32 or against, or any interest in, such deposits. Any contract entered into
33 by or any obligation of said fund shall not constitute a debt or obligation
34 of the state and the state shall have no obligation to any person on
35 account of said fund and all amounts obligated to be paid from said
36 fund shall be limited to amounts available for such obligation on deposit
37 in said fund. Said fund shall retain at the end of any fiscal year an
38 amount not less than ten per cent of any transfers or deposits in said
39 fund during such fiscal year. Said fund shall continue in existence as
40 long as it holds any deposits or has any obligations and until its
41 existence is terminated by law.

42 (c) The Treasurer shall invest the amounts on deposit in said fund in
43 a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of said
44 fund, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent person in similar
45 circumstances with similar objectives. The Treasurer shall give due
46 consideration to rate of return, risk, term or maturity, diversification of
47 the total portfolio within said fund, liquidity, the projected

48 disbursements and expenditures and the expected payments, deposits,
49 contributions and gifts to be received. The Treasurer shall not require
50 said fund to invest directly in obligations of the state or any political
51 subdivision of the state or in any investment or other fund administered
52 by the Treasurer. The assets of said fund shall be continuously invested
53 and reinvested in a manner consistent with the objectives of said fund
54 until disbursed by the Comptroller in accordance with the provisions of
55 this section.

56 (d) The Treasurer, on behalf of said fund and for purposes of said
57 fund, may:

58 (1) Receive and invest moneys in said fund in any instruments,
59 obligations, securities or property in accordance with this section;

60 (2) Enter into one or more contractual agreements, including
61 contracts for legal, actuarial, accounting, custodial, advisory,
62 management, administrative, advertising, marketing and consulting
63 services for said fund and pay for such services from the assets of said
64 fund;

65 (3) Procure insurance in connection with said fund's property, assets,
66 activities or deposits to said fund;

67 (4) Apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from public or
68 private sources to enable said fund to carry out its objectives;

69 (5) Adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 for purposes of
70 this section;

71 (6) Sue and be sued;

72 (7) Establish one or more accounts within said fund; and

73 (8) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this
74 section and incidental to the duties imposed on the Treasurer pursuant
75 to this section.

76 (e) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall be used for the
77 purposes of supporting early childhood education in, and child care
78 needs of, the state, including expansion of the child care subsidy
79 program, established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this
80 act, salary increases for early childhood educators, subsidies for health
81 care plans for employees of early care and education programs, in
82 accordance with section 5 of this act, and providing administrative and
83 technical assistance for the implementation of the competitive grant
84 program to provide grants for capital expenses related to the
85 construction and renovation of early childhood education and child care
86 facilities established pursuant to section 8 of this act, and shall not be
87 expended for any other purpose.

88 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Early
89 Childhood shall develop a report on the cost to increase provider
90 payment rates under the child care subsidy program, established
91 pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as amended by this
92 act, to cover the cost of care, as described in the Connecticut Narrow
93 Cost Analysis prepared for the Office of Early Childhood in June 2024,
94 (1) using the current registry salary levels noted within the analysis and
95 to provide bonuses of ten per cent to programs operating in a child care
96 desert, as determined by the office, and twenty-five per cent to
97 programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of
98 Young Children or the National Association for Family Child Care, and
99 (2) using the workforce compensation schedule mid-career levels noted
100 within the analysis and to provide bonuses of ten per cent to programs
101 operating in a child care desert, as determined by the office, and twenty-
102 five per cent to programs accredited by the National Association for the
103 Education of Young Children or the National Association for Family
104 Child Care. Such report shall include a proposal for an implementation
105 plan and timeline that phases in such increased provider payment rates
106 over a five-year period, commencing in the fiscal year ending June 30,
107 2026.

108 (b) Not later than September 1, 2025, the commissioner shall submit

109 such report on its findings and recommendations to the Early
110 Childhood Care and Education Fund Advisory Commission,
111 established pursuant to section 10-511a of the general statutes, as
112 amended by this act, and the joint standing committees of the General
113 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education,
114 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of
115 state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
116 general statutes.

117 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 10-511a of the general statutes is
118 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
119 *2025*):

120 (c) The commission shall:

121 (1) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, submit a
122 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
123 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
124 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
125 finance, revenue and bonding, education and children, on the financial
126 health and status of the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund,
127 including, but not limited to, (A) the amounts on deposit in said fund,
128 (B) disbursements made or expected to be made from said fund for the
129 applicable fiscal year, (C) the rates of return on investments made by the
130 Treasurer pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (D) a statement as to
131 the sufficiency of the amounts on deposit in said fund to achieve the
132 purposes of said fund, and (E) any recommendations for policy changes
133 and amendments to the general statutes necessary to further the
134 purposes of said fund, including recommendations for implementing
135 the findings in the report developed pursuant to section 3 of this act to
136 increase provider payment rates under the child care subsidy program,
137 established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act;

138 (2) Not later than January 1, 2026, submit a five-year plan, in
139 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
140 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

141 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, finance,
142 revenue and bonding, education and children, of recommendations of
143 expenditures from said fund that would best support early childhood
144 education in, and child care needs of, the state. The commission shall, in
145 developing such plan, consider reports on (A) the state of [(A)] (i) early
146 childhood care and education in the state, and [(B)] (ii) kindergarten
147 readiness in the state, as well as best practices in other states, and (B)
148 increasing provider payment rates developed pursuant to section 3 of
149 this act under the child care subsidy program, established pursuant to
150 section 17b-749, as amended by this act. The commission shall update
151 such plan at least annually and submit such updated plan annually to
152 said committees; and

153 (3) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, hold a
154 public hearing annually on the state of the fund and of early childhood
155 education and child care in the state.

156 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

157 (1) "Early care and education program" means a program providing
158 child care services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes,
159 that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood;

160 (2) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided in section
161 38a-1080 of the general statutes; and

162 (3) "Partnership plan" has the same meaning as provided in section 3-
163 123aaa of the general statutes.

164 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
165 thereafter, the Comptroller shall establish a program to provide a
166 subsidy, within available appropriations, to an individual who (1) opens
167 a health savings account, pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal
168 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
169 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, or is
170 eligible for Medicare and enrolls in a high deductible health plan, and

171 (2) is employed by an early care and education program. Such subsidy
172 shall be in an amount up to a certain percentage, as specified by the
173 Comptroller, of the deductible for the health plan in which such
174 individual is enrolled, minus the amount of any employer contributions
175 to a health savings account or health reimbursement account, and not
176 exceeding an amount specified by the Comptroller. No individual may
177 receive more than one subsidy in any fiscal year pursuant to this section.
178 The Comptroller may work with the provider of an early care and
179 education program that employs such individual to distribute such
180 subsidy.

181 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
182 thereafter, the Comptroller shall establish a program to provide a
183 subsidy, from any funds appropriated for such purpose, to providers of
184 early care and education programs that provide coverage to its
185 employees and their dependents under a health benefit plan or a
186 partnership plan for such fiscal year or any portion thereof. Such
187 subsidy shall be (1) in an amount of not more than ten per cent of the
188 aggregate premium cost, inclusive of the employee and employer shares
189 of such cost, paid by such provider for coverage under such health
190 benefit plan or partnership plan, divided by the number of employees
191 of such provider who are enrolled in health coverage, and (2) used to
192 offset the employee's share of such premium cost that is deducted from
193 the payroll check of each employee of such provider during any pay
194 period during such fiscal year. The provisions of this subsection shall
195 not apply to any early care and education program provider that
196 provides coverage under a high deductible health plan, as such term is
197 described in subsection (f) of section 38a-520 of the general statutes.

198 (d) The Comptroller and the Early Childhood Care and Education
199 Fund Advisory Commission, established pursuant to section 10-511a of
200 the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall enter into a
201 memorandum of understanding, in accordance with the provisions of
202 section 4-97b of the general statutes, to allow the Comptroller to utilize
203 the sum of ____ that is appropriated to the Early Childhood Care and

204 Education Fund, established pursuant to section 10-511 of the general
205 statutes, as amended by this act, to implement the provisions of this
206 section.

207 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is
208 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
209 *2025*):

210 (b) The commissioner shall establish income standards for applicants
211 and recipients at a level to include a family with gross income up to
212 [fifty] eighty-five per cent of the state-wide median income, except the
213 commissioner: (1) May increase the income level up to the maximum
214 level allowed under federal law, (2) upon the request of the
215 Commissioner of Children and Families, may waive the income
216 standards for adoptive families so that children adopted on or after
217 October 1, 1999, from the Department of Children and Families are
218 eligible for the child care subsidy program, [and] (3) shall establish a
219 two-tiered income eligibility threshold in accordance with 45 CFR
220 98.21(b), as amended from time to time, and (4) shall permit recipients
221 whose gross income subsequently exceeds eighty-five per cent of the
222 state-wide median income to continue to receive prorated benefits until
223 such recipients' gross income meets or exceeds one hundred per cent of
224 the state median income. The commissioner may adopt regulations in
225 accordance with chapter 54 to establish income criteria and durational
226 requirements for such waiver of income standards.

227 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
228 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Early Childhood
229 shall exempt from the family fee requirement of the child care subsidy
230 program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes,
231 as amended by this act, any person or family who is (1) an active
232 participant in the child care subsidy program, and (2) employed by a
233 licensed early care and education program providing child care
234 services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

235 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June

236 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Office of Early Childhood
237 shall design and administer a competitive grant program to provide
238 grants for capital expenses related to the construction and renovation of
239 early childhood education and child care facilities. An operator of an
240 early care and education program that provides child care services, as
241 described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, may submit an
242 application for a grant to the office, in accordance with the provisions of
243 subsection (b) of this section.

244 (b) On and after July 1, 2025, an operator of an early care and
245 education program may apply, at such time and in such manner as the
246 commissioner prescribes, to the office for a capital grant for the purposes
247 described in subsection (a) of this section. To be eligible to receive a
248 grant under this section, an applicant operator shall (1) demonstrate that
249 it has a need for constructing a new or renovating an existing child care
250 facility, using information requested by the commissioner on a form
251 prescribed by the commissioner, and (2) submit a plan for the
252 expenditure of grant funds received under this section that outlines how
253 such operator will use such funds, including, but not limited to, how the
254 construction or renovation of the child care facility may increase access
255 to child care for families in the community. The commissioner shall give
256 priority to those operators that demonstrate the greatest need for the
257 construction or renovation of a child care facility.

258 (c) Each operator of an early care and education program receiving a
259 grant under this section shall submit an annual report, on a form and in
260 a manner prescribed by the commissioner, to the Office of Early
261 Childhood regarding the enrollment and operation of the early care and
262 education program.

263 (d) The commissioner may contract with nongovernmental entities,
264 including, but not limited to, nonprofit organizations, lending
265 institutions and technical assistance providers, to carry out the
266 provisions of this section.

267 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) There is established an account

268 to be known as the "early care and education program competitive
269 capital grant account" which shall be a capital projects fund. The account
270 shall contain the amounts authorized by the State Bond Commission in
271 accordance with section 10 of this act and any other moneys required by
272 law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be
273 expended by the Office of Early Childhood for the purposes of the
274 competitive grant program established pursuant to section 8 of this act.

275 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes described
276 in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
277 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
278 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
279 the aggregate one hundred million dollars, provided twenty million
280 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2025, twenty
281 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2026,
282 twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
283 2027, twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July
284 1, 2028, and twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be
285 effective July 1, 2029. The amount authorized for the issuance and sale
286 of such bonds in each of the following fiscal years shall not exceed the
287 corresponding amount for each such fiscal year, provided, to the extent
288 the Office of Early Childhood does not provide for the use of all or a
289 portion of such amount in any such fiscal year, such amount not
290 provided for shall be carried forward and added to the authorized
291 amount for the next succeeding fiscal year, and provided further, the
292 costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any, may be added to the
293 capped amount in each fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts
294 shall be effective on July first of the fiscal year indicated.

295 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
296 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of Early
297 Childhood for the purposes of the competitive grant program
298 established pursuant to section 8 of this act.

299 (c) The State Bond Commission shall approve a memorandum of

300 understanding between the Commissioner of Early Childhood and the
301 state, acting by and through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
302 Management and the Treasurer, providing for the issuance of said
303 bonds for the purposes of the competitive grant program established
304 pursuant to section 8 of this act, including provisions regarding the
305 extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or
306 thereafter to be made available for costs should be added to the proceeds
307 of the bonds authorized pursuant to this section for such project or
308 program. The memorandum of understanding shall be deemed to
309 satisfy the provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes and the
310 exercise of any right or power granted thereby that is not inconsistent
311 with the provisions of this section.

312 (d) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
313 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
314 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
315 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
316 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
317 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may
318 be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time
319 renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding
320 twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or
321 pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission
322 authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except
323 upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed
324 with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf
325 of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
326 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.
327 Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations
328 of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
329 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
330 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
331 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
332 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby
333 made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as

334 the same become due.

335 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than July 1, 2026, the
336 Office of Early Childhood shall develop and administer a system of
337 presumptive eligibility for applicants to the child care subsidy program,
338 established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as
339 amended by this act. Such system shall (1) include a screening tool that
340 will permit applicants to determine presumptive eligibility under the
341 child care subsidy program, (2) provide applicants who have been
342 determined to be presumptively eligible for the child care subsidy
343 program to receive services for a sixty-day trial period, (3) require
344 applicants who receive services under such sixty-day trial period to
345 complete the full application for participation in the child care subsidy
346 program in order to continue to be eligible, and (4) require the office to
347 make a final eligibility determination for such applicant prior to the
348 expiration of such sixty-day trial period.

349 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2025, the Office of
350 Early Childhood shall implement a prospective payment system for the
351 child care subsidy program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of
352 the general statutes, as amended by this act, in accordance with federal
353 law.

354 Sec. 13. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 17b-749 of the general
355 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
356 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

357 (f) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies for
358 eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care services for
359 recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such services until
360 informed by the office of the recipient's ineligibility. For the fiscal year
361 ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner
362 shall (1) limit the total amount of payments under this section to any
363 provider that operates, directly or through an affiliate, more than ten
364 child care centers, as described in section 19a-77, to not more than one
365 per cent of the total appropriation under this section for that fiscal year,

366 unless the commissioner determines that making payments to such
367 provider in an amount greater than one per cent of such total annual
368 appropriation is in the best interests of the state, and (2) require any such
369 provider to (A) demonstrate a willingness to enroll more children of
370 families who are recipients under the child care subsidy program at each
371 child care center location operated by such provider or its affiliate, and
372 (B) annually provide the office with an audited financial statement
373 detailing how payments received under this section have been
374 expended during that fiscal year.

375 (g) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt from
376 licensing shall provide the office with the following information in order
377 to maintain eligibility for reimbursement: (1) The name, address,
378 appropriate identification, Social Security number and telephone
379 number of the provider and all adults who work for or reside at the
380 location where care is provided; (2) the name and address of the child's
381 doctor, primary care provider and health insurance company; (3)
382 whether the child is immunized and has had health screens pursuant to
383 the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment
384 Services Program under 42 USC 1396d; [and] (4) the number of children
385 cared for by the provider; (5) the type of business entity of the provider;
386 and (6) the names of all officers, directors and owners of the provider
387 or, in the case of an affiliate of the provider that is receiving payments
388 under this section, the names of all officers, directors and owners of such
389 affiliate.

390 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
391 June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, each provider of child care
392 services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, shall
393 annually submit to the Office of Early Childhood the tuition rates being
394 charged to families during the fiscal year and the amount of any change
395 in such tuition rates from the previous fiscal year.

396 (b) The Office of Early Childhood shall annually publish on its
397 Internet web site the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of

398 this section regarding tuition rates and changes in tuition amounts.

399 Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2025, the
400 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall enter into a data sharing
401 agreement with the Children's Funding Project for the purpose of the
402 creation of a fiscal map that shows a comprehensive view of state
403 funding and spending for children in the state. The commissioner shall
404 not be required to enter into such agreement under this section if the
405 Children's Funding Project requires a direct fee for its services.

406 Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Early Childhood, in
407 collaboration with the Insurance Department and the Attorney General,
408 shall conduct a joint study regarding the prevalence, appropriateness
409 and affordability of liability insurance for child care centers and family
410 child care homes, as such terms are described in section 19a-77 of the
411 general statutes. Such joint study shall include, but need not be limited
412 to, an assessment of the factors that have given rise to increasing liability
413 insurance costs. Not later than January 1, 2026, the office shall submit a
414 report on the findings of such joint study, and any recommendations, to
415 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
416 cognizance of matters relating to children, education and insurance, in
417 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

418 Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Early Childhood shall
419 conduct a study concerning the prevalence of men in the child care and
420 early childhood education workforce. Such study shall include, but
421 need not be limited to, an analysis of the factors affecting and reasons
422 why so few men are employed in child care or early childhood
423 education and recommendations for ways to increase the representation
424 of men in such fields. Not later than January 1, 2026, the office shall
425 submit a report on the findings of such study, and any
426 recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the General
427 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education
428 and labor, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
429 general statutes.

430 Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Early Childhood, in
 431 consultation with the Department of Emergency Services and Public
 432 Protection, shall develop a report on background checks for early
 433 childhood educators. Such report shall include, but need not be limited
 434 to, (1) an examination of (A) the average processing time for background
 435 checks for early childhood educators, (B) strategies to improve the speed
 436 at which background checks are processed, and (C) strategies to
 437 improve the convenience and ease with which early childhood
 438 educators are able to be fingerprinted and to submit background check
 439 materials for processing, and (2) an assessment of whether it is possible
 440 for an early childhood educator to share his or her fingerprint and
 441 background check results with multiple prospective employers. Not
 442 later than January 1, 2026, the office shall submit a report on its findings,
 443 and any recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the
 444 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,
 445 education and public safety, in accordance with the provisions of section
 446 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-511
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-511a(c)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-749(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-749(f) and (g)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To make use of the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund to fund early care and education programs and initiatives in 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.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. RITTER, 1st Dist.; REP. ROJAS, 9th Dist.
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