



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5220

LCO No. 1477



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN AN EVEN START PROGRAM OR ENROLLED IN CERTAIN SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the 2020 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish and operate
5 a child care subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability
6 and quality of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker
7 who (1) is (A) working, [or] (B) attending high school, (C) participating
8 in a local Even Start program, or (D) enrolled in (i) an advanced
9 manufacturing certificate program, (ii) an educator preparation
10 program approved by the State Board of Education or the appropriate
11 governing body in the state in which the institution of higher education
12 is located, (iii) an alternate route to certification program approved by
13 the State Board of Education, Office of Higher Education or the
14 appropriate governing body in the state in which the alternate route to

15 certification program is located, (iv) an associate degree or bachelor's
16 degree program with a concentration in early childhood education, as
17 defined in section 10-16p, or (v) a nursing program offered at a public
18 or independent institution of higher education in the state; or (2)
19 receives cash assistance under the temporary family assistance program
20 from the Department of Social Services and is participating in an
21 education, training or other job preparation activity approved pursuant
22 to subsection (b) of section 17b-688i or subsection (b) of section 17b-
23 689d. Services available under the child care subsidy program shall
24 include the provision of child care subsidies for children under the age
25 of thirteen or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The
26 Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain enrollment for the
27 child care subsidy program and shall administer such program within
28 the existing budgetary resources available. The office shall issue a notice
29 on the office's Internet web site any time the office closes the program to
30 new applications, changes eligibility requirements, changes program
31 benefits or makes any other change to the program's status or terms,
32 except the office shall not be required to issue such notice when the
33 office expands program eligibility. Any change in the office's acceptance
34 of new applications, eligibility requirements, program benefits or any
35 other change to the program's status or terms for which the office is
36 required to give notice pursuant to this subsection, shall not be effective
37 until thirty days after the office issues such notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2020	17b-749(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to parents who are participating in a local Even Start program or enrolled in certain secondary education programs.

[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.]