

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 263 entitled “An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. chapter 37 is amended to read:

8 Chapter 37. ~~PARENT-CHILD~~ PARENT CHILD CENTER PROGRAM
9 NETWORK

10 § 3701. ~~PARENT-CHILD~~ PARENT CHILD CENTER PROGRAM
11 NETWORK; ELIGIBILITY

12 (a) ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this chapter, ~~“parent-child center”~~:

13 (1) “Parent Child Center” means a community-based organization
14 established for the purpose of providing prevention and early intervention
15 services such as parenting education, support, training, referral and related
16 services to prospective parents and families with young children including
17 those whose children are medically, socially, or educationally at risk that
18 serves as a central hub and lead provider of services for primary prevention
19 and strengthening protective factors for families with young children on behalf
20 of the State.

1 (2) “Parent Child Center Network” means an Agency of Human
2 Services’ community partner comprised of designated parent child centers that
3 ensures accountability and collaboration among designated parent child
4 centers.

5 (b) ~~The Secretary of Human Services shall:~~

6 ~~(1) upon applications made annually, award grants to eligible parent-~~
7 ~~child centers;~~

8 ~~(2) establish, by rule, a formula for determining the amount of grants~~
9 ~~awarded under this chapter and minimum eligibility standards for such awards~~

10 The Parent Child Center Network may recommend to the Secretary of Human
11 Services or a designee one or more new parent child centers for designation
12 every six years. Upon receipt of the Network’s recommendations, the
13 Secretary or designee shall review each parent child center recommended for
14 designation to ensure it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (c) of this
15 section. A parent child center recommended by the Network and determined
16 to meet the criteria in subsection (c) of this section by the Secretary or a
17 designee shall be deemed a designated parent child center.

18 (c) ~~In order to be eligible for a grant under this chapter, a parent child~~
19 ~~center~~ designation pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, a parent child
20 center shall:

1 (1) Receive some funding from one or more private, local, or federal
2 source. Contributions in kind, whether material, commodities, transportation,
3 or office space, may be used to satisfy the contribution requirement of this
4 subdivision.

5 (2) Qualify for tax exempt status under the provisions of Section 501(c)
6 of the Internal Revenue Code.

7 (3) Have parent representation on its board of directors.

8 (4) Represent a designated geographic catchment area.

9 (5) Complete:

10 (A) an annual self-assessment in accordance with national standards
11 for family resource centers; and

12 (B) a peer review every three years, which shall be conducted by the
13 Parent Child Center Network.

14 (6) Provide each of the eight core services set forth in subsection (d) of
15 this section.

16 (7) Indicate an intention to participate in the Parent Child Center
17 Network as a member.

18 (8) Work to achieve population level quality of life outcomes related to
19 children and families pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2311.

20 ~~(d) A parent-child center funded under this chapter shall:~~

- 1 ~~(1) provide leadership in the coordination of services for families with~~
2 ~~other community service providers;~~
- 3 ~~(2) provide such financial or programmatic information as may be~~
4 ~~necessary to enable the Secretary of Human Services to evaluate the services~~
5 ~~provided through grant funds, the effect of such services on consumers of these~~
6 ~~services and an accounting of the expenditure of grant funds;~~
- 7 ~~(3) participate in an annual peer review process conducted by the parent-~~
8 ~~child center network and the Agency of Human Services~~ designated parent
9 child center shall provide the following eight core services:
- 10 (1) home visits;
11 (2) early childhood services;
12 (3) parent education;
13 (4) playgroups;
14 (5) parent support groups;
15 (6) concrete supports;
16 (7) community development; and
17 (8) resources and referrals.
- 18 (e) Any parent child center in existence on January 1, 2020 shall be deemed
19 to meet the designation criteria in subsection (c) of this section.

1 § 3702. FUNDING

2 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall annually disperse a joint
3 appropriation for all parent child center services to the Parent Child Center
4 Network, which shall distribute funding to each designated parent child center.
5 Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, any increases to base funding
6 shall be based on increased community need, the provision of additional
7 services, or the designation of a new parent child center.

8 (b) The Parent Child Center Network shall work in partnership with the
9 Agency of Human Services to develop appropriate measures of accountability
10 and to provide any financial or programmatic information as may be necessary
11 to enable the Secretary to evaluate the services provided through grant funds,
12 the effect of services on consumers, and an accounting of the expenditure of
13 grant funds.

14 (c) In determining the annual appropriation for the Parent Child Center
15 Network, the Secretary shall employ an annual inflation factor that is
16 reasonable and that adequately reflects economic conditions.

17 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

18 In fiscal year 2021, \$7,500,000.00 is appropriated to the Parent Child
19 Center Network.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE