

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 91 entitled “An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in 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) “Concrete supports” means community services and resources to
14 address the immediate needs of the family or contribute to the long-term well-
15 being of the family, or both.

16 (2) “Parent child center” means a community-based organization
17 established for the purpose of providing prevention and early intervention
18 services such as parenting education, support, training, referral, and related
19 services to prospective parents and families with young children including
20 those whose children are medically, socially, or educationally at risk through
21 the core services listed in subsection (d) of this section on behalf of the State.

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

5 (4) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Human Services or designee.

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

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

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

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

18 (c) ~~In order to be eligible for a grant under this chapter, a parent child~~
19 ~~center authorization 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 and ensure that
8 the board's membership reflects the growing diversity of Vermont's children
9 and families, including individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of
10 Color, as well as with regard to socioeconomic status, geographic location,
11 gender, sexual identity, disability status, and parent representation at the parent
12 child center.

13 (4) Represent a designated geographic catchment area.

14 (5) Complete a peer review every three years, which shall be conducted
15 by the Parent Child Center Network.

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

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

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

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

2 (1) ~~provide leadership in the coordination of services for families with~~
3 ~~other community service providers;~~

4 (2) ~~provide such financial or programmatic information as may be~~
5 ~~necessary to enable the Secretary of Human Services to evaluate the services~~
6 ~~provided through grant funds, the effect of such services on consumers of these~~
7 ~~services, and an accounting of the expenditure of grant funds; and~~

8 (3) ~~participate in an annual peer review process conducted by the parent-~~
9 ~~child center network and the Agency of Human Services~~ An authorized parent
10 child center shall provide, either directly or indirectly through formal
11 community partnerships, the following eight core services:

12 (1) home visits;

13 (2) early childhood services;

14 (3) parent education;

15 (4) playgroups;

16 (5) parent support groups;

17 (6) concrete supports;

18 (7) community development; and

19 (8) resources and referrals.

20 (e) Any parent child center in existence on January 1, 2021 shall be deemed
21 to meet the authorization criteria in subsection (c) of this section.

1 § 3702. FUNDING

2 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall disperse a joint appropriation
3 for all parent child center services to the Parent Child Center Network, which
4 shall distribute funding to each authorized parent child center.

5 (b) The Agency shall consult with the Parent Child Center Network to
6 develop appropriate measures and methods of accountability for authorized
7 members of the Network. The Network and authorized parent child centers
8 shall provide any previously agreed upon information to enable the Secretary
9 to evaluate the services provided through grant funds, the effect of services on
10 consumers, and an accounting of the expenditure of grant funds.

11 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 3701 is amended to read:

12 § 3701. PARENT CHILD CENTER NETWORK; ELIGIBILITY

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14 (c) In order to be eligible for authorization pursuant to subsection (b) of
15 this section, a parent child center shall:

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17 (9) Have an advisory committee that meets regularly and provides input,
18 guidance, and feedback on programs and services provided by the parent child
19 center to the board of directors.

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1 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES**

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022, except that Sec. 2 (Parent Child
3 Center Network; eligibility) shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE