

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 Secretary shall authorize a parent child center in accordance with
12 this chapter.

13 (2) The Secretary shall conduct a reauthorization review of each
14 authorized parent child center at least every six years.

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

1 subsection (c) of this section by the Secretary **may** be deemed **an authorized**
2 parent child center.

3 (c) In order to be eligible for ~~a grant under this chapter, a parent child~~
4 center **authorization** pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, a parent child
5 center shall:

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

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

12 (3) **Have parent representation on its a board of directors:**

13 **(A) whose membership reflects the growing diversity of Vermont's**
14 **children and families, including individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and**
15 **Persons of Color, as well as with regard to socioeconomic status, geographic**
16 **location, gender, sexual identity, and disability status; and**

17 **(B) that has parent representation.**

18 (4) Represent a designated geographic catchment area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 ~~(1) home visits;~~

19 ~~(2) early childhood services;~~

20 ~~(3) parent education;~~

21 ~~(4) playgroups;~~

- 1 (5) parent support groups;
- 2 (6) concrete supports;
- 3 (7) community development; and
- 4 (8) resources and referrals.

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

7 § 3702. FUNDING

8 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall disperse a joint allocation for all
9 parent child center services to the Parent Child Center Network, which shall
10 distribute funding to each authorized parent child center.

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

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

18 § 3701. PARENT CHILD CENTER NETWORK; ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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Sec. 3. TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION STATUS

Any parent child center in existence on July 1, 2022 shall be deemed to have met the authorization criteria in 33 V.S.A. § 3701(c) through the time period of the parent child center’s first reauthorization review pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3701(b)(2).

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE