

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill No.  
3 91 entitled “An act relating to the Parent Child Center Network” respectfully  
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be  
5 amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu  
6 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~~ that

1 serves as a central hub and lead provider of primary prevention services for  
2 families with young children on behalf of the State.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (c) In order to be eligible for ~~a grant under this chapter, a parent-child~~  
2 ~~center~~ designation pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, a parent child  
3 center shall:

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

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

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

11 (4) Represent a designated geographic catchment area.

12 (5) Complete a peer review every three years, which shall be conducted  
13 by the 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, 2021 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 may employ an annual inflation factor using the  
16    Employment Cost Index for total compensation for private industry workers in  
17    New England as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-  
18    month period ending in September of the most recent calendar year.

19    Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

20           In fiscal year 2023, a \$1,500,000.00 appropriation shall be added to the  
21    existing base of \$3,350,000.00 for a total base appropriation of \$4,850,000.00

1 to be appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for distribution to the  
2 Parent Child Center Network. In addition, in fiscal year 2023, \$3,700,000.00 in  
3 one-time funding is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for  
4 distribution to the Parent Child Center Network.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE