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## Fiscal Note

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### **S. 91 – an act relating to the Parent Child Center Network**

*As amended by the Senate Committee on Health & Welfare, Draft No. 3.2*

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/S.91>

#### **Bill Summary**

The bill would establish a Parent Child Center Network to ensure accountability among and distribute funding to designated parent child centers. It would appropriate both a base funding increase as well as a one-time appropriation to the network.

#### **Background**

- The Parent Child Center Network (PCCN) is made of up 15 parent child centers (PCC's).
- All 15 PCC's receive funding from a grant (often referred to as the "Master Grant" or the "Integrated Grant"). Currently the base annual funding through the grant is \$3.35 million per year.
- In addition to receiving funding through the grant, each PCC has multiple grants and contracts with the state to provide a myriad of services within their communities.
- In FY 2022, another \$3.7 million in one-time general funds were appropriated to the PCC's for capital improvements.

#### **Sec. 1**

- The bill would require the Secretary of Human Services to annually disperse a joint appropriation for all parent child center services to the Parent Child Center Network which would distribute the funding to each designated parent child center.
- It would also require the Agency of Human Services to indicate the appropriation needed were the Agency to employ an annual inflation factor for the Parent Child Center Network using the Employment Cost Index for total compensation for private industry workers in New England as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending September for the most recent calendar year
  - For the 12-month period ended September 2020 it was 2.0%. For the 12-month period ended September 2021 it was 3.9%.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/eci.t06.htm#>

## Sec. 2

- The bill includes two appropriations to the Department for Children and Families for the Parent Child Center Network in FY 2023.
  - Base Funding:
    - **\$1.5 million** to be added to the existing parent child grant of \$3.35 million for a total base appropriation of \$4.85 million.
  - One-time funding:
    - **\$3,700,000** in one-time funding.

## Fiscal Impact

- FY 2023 BASE FUNDING INCREASE = \$1,500,000 (for a total base funding of \$4.85 million).
- FY 2023 ONE-TIME FUNDING = \$3,700,000

(millions)	Gov. Rec		As proposed	
	FY 22	FY 23	in S.91 FY 23	Diff from Gov. Rec
Base Funding	\$3.35	\$3.35	\$4.85	\$1.50
One-time	\$3.70	-----	\$3.70	\$3.70
	\$7.05	\$3.35	\$8.55	<b>\$5.20</b>

- NOTE: While the bill requires AHS to “indicate the appropriation needed to employ an annual inflation factor” based on a specified benchmark, it does not require AHS to employ the inflation factor.