

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill
3 No. 91 entitled “An act relating to 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 (4) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Human Services or designee.

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

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

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

13 The Parent Child Center Network may recommend to the Secretary of Human
14 Services ~~or a designee~~ one or more new parent child centers for designation

15 ~~every six years~~. Upon receipt of the Network’s recommendations, the

16 Secretary ~~or designee~~ shall review each parent child center recommended for
17 designation to ensure it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (c) of this

18 section. A parent child center recommended by the Network and determined
19 to meet the criteria in subsection (c) of this section by the Secretary ~~or a~~

20 ~~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; and~~

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, either directly or indirectly through formal
10 community partnerships, the following eight core services:

11 (1) home visits;

12 (2) early childhood services;

13 (3) parent education;

14 (4) playgroups;

15 (5) parent support groups;

16 (6) concrete supports;

17 (7) community development; and

18 (8) resources and referrals.

19 (e) Any parent child center in existence on January 1, 2021 shall be deemed
20 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) The Agency of Human Services' budget presentation to the House
15 Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare shall indicate the
17 appropriation needed were the Agency to employ an annual inflation factor for
18 the Parent Child Center Network using the Employment Cost Index for total
19 compensation for private industry workers in New England as published by the
20 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month period ending in September
21 of the most recent calendar year.

1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

2 In fiscal year 2023, a \$1,500,000.00 appropriation shall be added to the
3 existing parent child center grant of \$3,350,000.00 for a total base
4 appropriation of \$4,850,000.00 to be appropriated to the Department for
5 Children and Families for distribution to the Parent Child Center Network. In
6 addition, in fiscal year 2023, \$3,700,000.00 in one-time funding is
7 appropriated to the Department for Children and Families for distribution to
8 the Parent Child Center Network.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

11 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
12 relating to the Parent Child Center Network”

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19 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE