



OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD

(Budget and implementer bill summaries are a separate document)

The following is a compilation of public acts passed during the 2022 regular legislative session concerning early childhood matters and/or impacting the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) operations. This is only a summary. These summaries are based on both the actual bill language and the bill analysis prepared by the General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research (OLR). The complete text of each public act can be reviewed and may be accessed by clicking on the Public Act Number below or visiting the Connecticut General Assembly's web site at cga.ct.gov.

P.A. 22-3 (H.B. 5269) - AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00003-R00HB-05269-PA.PDF>

Section 1 – Allow Public Agencies to Continue Remote Meetings

Allows public agencies to continue to hold remote meetings accessible to the public through electronic equipment (e.g., by telephone, video, or other conferencing platforms) or electronic equipment combined with an in-person hybrid meeting. Public agencies must continue to comply with requirements under existing law.

(Effective upon passage)

S.A. 22-5 (S.B. 408) - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS CHILD CARE

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/SA/PDF/2022SA-00005-R00SB-00408-SA.PDF>

Requires the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood and the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, to identify the economic barriers experienced by persons seeking to open a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home and develop a plan to address such barriers. DECD must submit a report by January 1, 2023, to the Commerce Committee.

(Effective upon passage)

P.A. 22-42 (S.B. 206) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING CHILDREN

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00042-R00SB-00206-PA.PDF>

Section 1 (12) – DCF Records Disclosure

Expands the entities to whom the Department of Children and Families must disclose certain records without the subject's consent. The bill creates additional exceptions for disclosures to the following: 1. the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to determine a person's suitability to (a) care for children in an OEC licensed youth camp or (b) provide child care services to a child and to receive a child care subsidy pursuant to section 17b-749K (Care 4 Kids).

(Effective July 1, 2022)

P.A. 22-47 (H.B. 5001) - AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00047-R00HB-05001-PA.PDF>

This is the first of three comprehensive pieces of legislation focused on children's mental health. The three acts together, along with financial commitment in the budget, are the most substantive investment in children's mental health the state has ever made. There are 73 sections in this bill. Below are a select few of interest. The Office of Legislative Research (OLR) provides a comprehensive [description](#) of each bill section.

Section 7 – Composition of the Children's Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board

Changes the composition of the Children's Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board by adding 11 new members for a total of 45 members. It increases the number of mental, emotional, or behavioral health care service providers from four to six, so that at least one mental health provider from each license type (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Child Psychologist, Child Psychiatrist, and Child Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) is included.

The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, continues to be a member of the Advisory Board.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 14 – Summer Grant Program for the Delivery of Mental Health Services to Students

Establishes a new summer grant program, operated by the State Department of Education from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025, to provide grants to local and regional boards of education and operators of youth camps and other summer programs for the delivery of mental health services to students. The act does not distinguish between OEC licensed youth camps and license-exempt youth camps.

(Effective from passage)

Section 32 – Mental and Behavioral Health Treatment Fund

Establishes a Mental and Behavioral Health Treatment Fund, under the Department of Children and Families (DCF), to assist families with the costs of obtaining prescribed drugs or treatments and intensive services for children with mental and behavioral health conditions if insurance or Medicaid does not cover them. The DCF Commissioner will establish eligibility criteria for families to receive such assistance. Eligibility requirements (A) will include that a family has sought and been denied coverage or reimbursement for such drug or treatment or such intensive services by the family's health carrier, and (B) may include, but need not be limited to, a family's financial need. DCF will start accepting applications January 1, 2023.

(Effective from passage)

Section 33 – Pediatric Mental Health Screening Tool

Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), by January 1, 2023, to develop or procure a pediatric mental health, behavioral health, and substance use disorder screening tool. DPH must develop and procure the tool in consultation with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), a Connecticut children's hospital representative, and the Connecticut chapter of a national professional association of (1) pediatricians and (2) child and adolescent psychiatrists. DPH and DCF must establish standards regarding the minimum age at which such screening tool should first be utilized for a child.

Requires DPH, in collaboration with DCF and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), to make the screening tool available to all pediatricians and emergency department physicians in the state, free of charge, and make recommendations to pediatricians and emergency department physicians for its effective use. It requires pediatricians and emergency department physicians to use the screening tool as a supplement to the existing methods used to diagnose a mental or behavioral health condition or a substance use disorder.

(Effective upon passage)

Section 70 – Mental Health Policy and Oversight Committee

Establishes a Behavioral and Mental Health Policy and Oversight Committee to evaluate the availability and efficacy of prevention, early intervention, and mental health treatment services and options for children from birth to age eighteen. The committee must make recommendations to the General Assembly and executive agencies regarding the governance and administration of the mental health care system for children.

The committee must submit a report by January 1, 2023 to the Public Health, Children's, and Human Services Committees and the OPM Secretary. By August 1, 2023, the committee must report its plan together with an account of progress made toward the full implementation of such plan and any recommendations concerning the implementation of identified goals in the plan.

The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, is a member of the Oversight Committee.

(Effective from passage)

P.A. 22-49 (H.B. 5045) - AN ACT REDUCING LEAD POISONING

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00049-R00HB-05045-PA.PDF>

Lowers the threshold for blood lead levels in individuals at which the Department of Public Health (DPH) and local health departments must take certain actions. The act lowers the lead threshold from 10 to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter at which licensed health care institutions and clinical laboratories must report lead poisoning cases to DPH and local health departments. It lowers, from 5 to 3.5 micrograms per deciliter, the threshold at which local health directors must inform parents or guardians about a child's potential eligibility for the state's Birth to Three program. There is a gradual lowering over two to three years from 20 to 5 micrograms per deciliter for local health departments to conduct epidemiological investigations and take other actions.

(Effective January 1, 2023)

Requires primary care providers to conduct annual lead testing for children ages 36 to 72 months whom DPH determines to be at higher risk of lead exposure based on certain factors.

(Effective January 1, 2023)

Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to seek federal approval to amend the state Medicaid plan to add services deemed necessary to address the health impacts of high childhood blood lead levels in Medicaid-eligible children.

(Effective January 1, 2023)

Requires the DPH commissioner to convene a working group to recommend necessary legislative changes on lead poisoning prevention and treatment issues. The commissioner must report the working group's recommendations to the Appropriations, Education, and Public Health committees by December 1, 2022.

(Effective upon passage)

P.A. 22-53 (H.B. 5228) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00053-R00HB-05228-PA.PDF>

Removes the Department of Social Services Commissioner, or designee, as an ex-officio co-chair of the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory Council. It instead requires all three chairpersons to be elected by and from the council's members, provided at least two chairs must be a: (1) person with ASD, (2) parent or guardian of a child with ASD, or (3) parent or guardian of an adult with ASD. The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, remains a member of the Council.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

P.A. 22-58 (H.B. 5500) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00058-R00HB-05500-PA.PDF>

Section 40 – Establishes Doula Advisory Committee

Requires the Department of Public Health Commissioner, within available resources, to establish an 18-member Doula Advisory Committee within the department to develop recommendations on (1) requirements for initial and renewal doula certification, including training, experience, and continuing education requirements, and (2) standards for recognizing doula training program curricula sufficient to satisfy the certification requirements. Under the bill, a doula is a trained, nonmedical professional who provides physical, emotional, and informational support, virtually or in person, to a pregnant person before, during, and after birth. The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, is a member of the Doula Advisory Committee.

(Effective from passage)

P.A. 22-65 (H.B. 5453) - AN ACT REQUIRING THE ONLINE POSTING OF CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00065-R00HB-05453-PA.PDF>

Requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to post on its website any goods or services contract or extension entered without competitive bidding or competitive negotiation, including through emergency procurement authority. It allows DAS, when posting these contracts, to redact information that is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. This affects all state agencies in the executive branch, constituent units of the state system of higher education, and quasi-public agencies.

(Effective October 1, 2022)

P.A. 22-80 (S.B. 1) - AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00080-R00SB-00001-PA.PDF>

This Public Act is second of the three children's mental health acts. There are 33 sections in this bill. Below are a select few of interest. The legislature's Office of Legislative Research provides a comprehensive of [description](#) each bill section.

Section 1 – Wage Supplement and Child Care Enhancement Grant Program

Early child provider types are defined in the act. "Early childhood education program operator" means a school readiness program, private preschool program, or Child Day Care program pursuant to section 8-210 of the general statutes. "Child care services provider" means a child care center, group child care home or family child care home, as those terms are described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes. The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) will establish and administer a wage supplement and child care program enhancement grant program for early childhood education program operators and child care services providers for the year ending June 30, 2023. On and after August 1, 2022, the OEC will provide grants to those early childhood education program operators and child care services providers that meet the eligibility requirements developed by the office. The OEC will develop criteria and guidelines for the program.

A grant may be used by the early childhood education program operator or child care services provider to supplement the annual salaries of the employees of the operator or provider or to address any other programmatic or administrative needs, in accordance with the guidelines developed by the office.

In determining whether to award a grant, the OEC commissioner will give priority to those early childhood education program operators and child care services providers that will use the grant exclusively to supplement the annual salaries of the employees.

Seventy percent of the appropriation will be used to award grants to eligible early childhood education program operators and child care services providers that do not receive state funding or state financial assistance, and 30 percent of the appropriation will be used to award grants to eligible early childhood education program operators and child care services providers that receive state funding or state financial assistance.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 2 – Child Day Care Program Infant Toddler Care Rate Increases

Increases the Child Day Care (CDC) program infant toddler rate to \$13,500 per child. Allows the Office of Early Childhood to enter contracts to expand the number of spaces available to children three years of age or under who are in infant or toddler care and not in a preschool program. Existing CDC-funded providers and new providers will be eligible to receive funding for these new spaces. Eligible providers include child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 10 – Establishes a Task Force to Combat Ableism

Established a task force to combat ableism. The task force will identify (1) current efforts to educate all students on disability and combat ableism in the public school curriculum and classrooms, and (2) opportunities to expand such efforts and integrate them into social emotional learning. The task force must submit a report by January 1, 2023 on its findings and recommendations to the Children's and Education Committees. The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, is a member of the task force.

(Effective upon passage)

P.A. 22-81 (S.B. 2) AN ACT EXPANDING PRESCHOOL AND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00080-R00SB-00001-PA.PDF>

This is third of the three children's mental health acts. There are 46 sections in this bill. Below are a select few of interest. The legislature's Office of Legislative Research provides a comprehensive of [description](#) each bill section.

Section 5 – Pipeline for Connecticut's Future Program

Requires the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, to administer the Pipeline for Connecticut's Future Program. One of the career pathways identified are early childhood programs.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 7 – Licensed Family Child Care Home Capacity

Expands the capacity of licensed family child care home providers when there is an OEC approved assistant or substitute present and assisting the provider. Effective July 1, 2022, the capacity of licensed family child care providers may be as follows, unless otherwise determined by the Office of Early Childhood:

With an approved staff present and assisting, the provider

- may care for up to nine children who are age 18 months or older, including all of the provider's own children
- may NOT care for more than nine children (unless the provider has more than three children of his/her own children in school full time)

Without an approved staff present and assisting, the provider

- may care for not more than six children, including all of the provider's own children not in school full time
- during the school year, may care for three additional children who are in school full time, including the provider's own children. If the provider has more than three children of his/her own children in school full time, all the provider's children shall be permitted
- during the summer months, may only care for six children, including the provider's own children not in school full time, plus any of the provider's own children who are otherwise enrolled in school full time

*This act does not increase the number of children under the age of 18 months that a provider may care for at one time. That is, two children under the age of 18 months without an approved staff present and assisting the provider OR six children under the age of 18 months with an approved staff present and assisting the provider.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Sections 10 & 11 – Children's Mental Health Day

Requires the governor to proclaim May 26 of each year to be "Get Outside and Play for Children's Mental Health Day." The State Department of Education (SDE) must provide annual notice about the day to school boards starting with the 2022-2023 school year.

(Effective October 1, 2022; SDE requirement effective July 1, 2022)

Section 12 – General Administered Payments to Birth to Three Providers

Doubles the General Administrative Payment (GAP) from \$100 to \$200 to Birth to Three providers, paid by the Office of Early Childhood, for each child with an individualized family service plan that accounts for less than nine service hours during the billing month.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 13 – Property Tax Abatement for Child Care Centers, Group Child Care Homes, or Family Child Care Homes

Allows a municipality to abate up to 100% of property taxes for a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home for up to five years. Municipalities may establish the program by vote of their legislative bodies, or board of selectmen where the town meeting is the legislative body.

(Effective October 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years beginning on or after that date.)

Section 14 & 15 – Notification to Parents or Guardians of Illness or Injury

Requires the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to adopt regulations that specify that licensed child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes shall immediately notify the parent or guardian of an enrolled child if such child exhibits or develops an illness or is injured while in care. Such regulations shall require programs to create a written record of any such illness or injury that

(A) includes but not be limited to:

- i. a description of such illness or injury
- ii. the date, time of occurrence and location of such illness or injury
- iii. any responsive action taken by an employee of such program, and
- iv. whether such child was transported to a hospital emergency room, doctor's office, or other medical facility

(B) be provided to the parent or guardian of such child not later than the next business day, and

(C) be maintained by such program for a period of not less than two years and be made immediately available upon the request of the OEC.

"Illness" means fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, headache, persistent coughing, persistent crying, or any other condition deemed an illness by the OEC Commissioner.

The act also requires that OEC adopt regulations that specify that child care centers, group child care homes or family child care homes shall maintain any video recordings created at such programs for a period of not less than 30 days and make such recordings immediately available upon the request of the OEC.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

Section 22 – Child Care Tax Credit Study

Requires the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) Commissioner to conduct a study to identify options to establish a personal income tax credit for taxpayers with dependent children enrolled in child care. By January 1, 2023, the DRS Commissioner must report findings and any recommendations to the Committee on Children.

(Effective upon passage)

Section 23 – Out-of-Pocket Medical Costs for Child Care Employees

Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner, in consultation with the State Comptroller, to conduct a study to identify ways in which the state can provide financial assistance to child care facility employees for out-of-pocket medical costs. Child care facility means licensed a child care center, group child care home, and family child care home. By January 1, 2024, the DSS Commissioner must report to the Committee on Children on the study's findings, which must include an analysis of whether child care employees are eligible to participate in any state employee health insurance plan under development and any legislative recommendations.

(Effective upon passage)

Section 24 – Reconvenes Task Force to Study Needs of Children

Reconvenes the Task Force to study the comprehensive needs of children with the same tasks and responsibilities. Additionally requires the task force to provide recommendations to meet the demand for infant and toddler care in the state by (1) increasing access to and enrollment in child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes; (2) identifying resources to assist child care facilities in meeting demand; and (3) study the feasibility of adjusting school start times to improve students' mental and physical well-being.

PA 21-46 established a 25-member task force to study the (1) comprehensive needs of children in the state and (2) extent to which the needs are being met by educators, community members, and local and state agencies and (3). The task force submitted its findings to the Committee on Children in December of 2021 and terminated on January 1, 2022.

Requires the task force to update the report under PA 21-46 twice and submit it and any additional findings and recommendations to the Committee on Children by January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. The task force terminates on the date that it submits the report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.
(Effective upon passage)

Section 26- Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsement for Speech and Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists

Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), to develop and implement a plan to establish licensure by reciprocity or endorsement for speech and language pathologists or occupational therapists licensed elsewhere and who intend to provide services under the Birth to Three program. When developing and implementing the plan, the DPH commissioner must consider eliminating barriers to expedient licensure to immediately address the needs of children receiving Birth to Three early intervention services.

The DPH commissioner must implement and report on the plan to the Public Health and Children's Committees by January 1, 2023.

(Effective upon passage)

Section 44 – Technical Assistance and Business Consulting Services for Child Care Providers

Requires the Office of Early Childhood to hire two full-time employees, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to provide technical assistance and business consulting services for child care services providers. Child care service provider means licensed child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes.

(Effective July 1, 2022)

[P.A. 22-87 \(H.B. 5243\)](https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00087-R00HB-05243-PA.PDF) - AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00087-R00HB-05243-PA.PDF>

Section 4 – Youth Camp Staff Members Added to Mandated Reporter Statute

Adds paid youth camp staff members who are 21 years of age or older to the list of persons who must be mandated reporters.

(Effective October 1, 2022)



P.A. 22-100 (H.B. 5279) - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00100-R00HB-05279-PA.PDF>

Section 1 – Early Childhood Cabinet Membership

Add two members to the Early Childhood Cabinet, one of whom is a licensed family child care home provider and a member of a staffed family child care network, and one of whom is a parent recommended by a parent advisory group that has been appointed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood. This advisory group is known as the Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet. The act allows parents, or guardians, who are members of the Cabinet to be compensated for time and travel for Early Childhood Cabinet meetings. *(Effective July 1, 2022)*

Section 2 – Criminal Background Checks

This is a technical change by replacing reference to the Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Communication Teleprocessing System to the Connecticut Criminal History Request System. *(Effective from passage)*

Section 3 – Early Childhood Teacher Credential

This is a technical change that extends the validity of the early childhood teacher credential issued by the Office of Early Childhood to certain people with associate degrees. *(Effective from passage)*

Section 4 – School Readiness Weeks of Operation

Reduces the number of weeks a School Readiness child care program must operate to be a “year-round” program, lowering the threshold from 50 to 48 weeks per year. *(Effective July 1, 2022)*

P.A. 22-101 (H.B. 5301) - AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00101-R00HB-05301-PA.PDF>

Section 8 – Board of Regents Plan to Increase Child Care on or Near Campuses

Requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, to develop a plan to increase the number of licensed child care centers or group child care homes on or near each regional community technical college and state university campus. The plan must include the development, expansion, and maintenance of these facilities that (1) are operated by an early childhood education program for instructional purposes or (2) provide evening and weekend child care services in accordance with college or university course schedules.

The Board of Regents must submit the plan by January 1, 2023 to the Higher Education and Employment and Appropriations Committee. The plan must include an estimated budget and implementation timeline for the development of additional child care centers. *(Effective July 1, 2022)*

P.A. 22-109 (H.B. 5459) - AN ACT REQUIRING THE ONLINE POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES OF STATE PUBLIC AGENCIES

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00109-R00HB-05459-PA.PDF>

Requires state public agencies, excluding the General Assembly, to post a schedule of their regular meetings for that year on the secretary of the state's website. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, requires an agency to file the schedule with the secretary by January 31 and post it on the agency's website.
(Effective October 1, 2022)

P.A. 22-116 (H.B. 5466) - AN ACT CONCERNING ASSORTED REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00116-R00HB-05466-PA.PDF>

Section 5 – Child Day Care Contract Provisions Related to Eligible Household Income Levels

Requires that any Child Day Care Contract, pursuant to Sec. 8-210, entered on or after July 1, 2022, to include a provision that at least 60 per cent of the children enrolled are members of families that are at or below 75 per cent of the state median income.
(Effective July 1, 2022)

P.A. 22-138 (S.B. 289) - AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT AND FUNDING OF THE CONNECTICUT FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00138-R00SB-00289-PA.PDF>

Section 1 – Establishes the Connecticut Fatherhood Initiative or CFI

Replaces the John S. Martinez Fatherhood Initiative under current law with the “Connecticut Fatherhood Initiative” or “CFI” with the same or similar purposes and objectives. The CFI Initiative (A) promotes the positive involvement and interaction of fathers with their children with an emphasis on children from low-income families, and (B) identifies services that effectively encourage and enhance responsible and skillful parenting and increase the ability of fathers to meet the financial and emotional needs of their children.

Section 2 – Establishes the CFI Council

Establishes a CFI Council to provide general oversight of the initiative, including, but not limited to: (1) fostering collaboration between state agencies that provide services for fathers and families; (2) (A) coordinating comprehensive services, (B) ensuring the continuity of services, (C) heightening the impact of services, and (D) avoiding duplication of services; and (3) supporting fathers of children eligible or formerly eligible for services under the temporary assistance for needy families block grant. The Office of Early Childhood Commissioner, or designee, is a member of the CFI Council.

Dedicates an office within the Department of Social Services (DSS) for administrative support for the CFI Initiative.

The DSS Commissioner, in consultation with the CFI Council, must submit a report on the program's effectiveness to the Human Services and Children's Committees by December 1, 2022.
(Effective upon passage)