

Memorandum

To: The Education Committee
From: Acting Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, Office of Early Childhood
Re: OEC Report – C.G.A. Section 10-509
Date: December 16, 2024

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) submits a report pursuant to C.G.A. Section 10-509 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The OEC did not expend funds in FY 24 under this statutory authority.

Section 2 reads as follows:

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this subsection, "early care and education and childhood development programs" includes the child care subsidy program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the school readiness program, as defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the supplemental quality enhancement grant program, established pursuant to section 17b-749c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the Nurturing Families Network, established pursuant to section 17b-751b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and the program for state financial assistance for neighborhood facilities, including child care centers, pursuant to section 8-210 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Early Childhood may expend in any year an amount not to exceed two per cent of the total amount appropriated to the office for early care and education and child development programs for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to section 10-500 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, piloting innovative and results-driven service delivery, program evaluation and improvement, funding and procurement models that are performance-driven and results-accountable, interagency coordination and collaboration and evaluative tools and infrastructure, provided if the total amount of such two per cent exceeds one million dollars, all funds in excess of one million dollars shall be used for service delivery. The commissioner may not expend any funds under this section for administrative or other overhead costs of the Office of Early Childhood. The commissioner may develop policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

(c) Not later than January first of each year, the office shall submit a report relating to how the commissioner has expended funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in

accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the results of any program evaluations conducted by the office, (2) an assessment of the relationship between the cost and the value of the service delivery outcomes achieved, and (3) any policies and procedures developed by the commissioner to implement the provisions of this section.

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