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Public Act No. 23-118

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF CHILD
CARE CENTERS NEAR CAMPUSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 8 of public act 22-101 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section, "child care center" means a facility that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood as a child care center or a group child care home, both as defined in section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, shall develop a plan to increase the number of child care centers on or near each campus of the regional community-technical colleges and the Connecticut State University System with the goals of (1) providing quality child care services for the staff, students and surrounding community of each campus, (2) addressing the child care needs of nontraditional students, and (3) fostering relationships between such colleges and universities and their surrounding communities. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) the development, expansion and maintenance of child

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care centers that [(A)] (i) are utilized by an early childhood education program for instructional purposes, or [(B)] (ii) provide evening and weekend child care services in accordance with college or university course schedules, (B) an assessment of (i) the child care needs of the student body, and (ii) the existing child care services and facilities available on each campus or in the surrounding community of each campus, (C) opportunities for collaboration with other state agencies, federal programs, community organizations or nonprofit organizations to carry out such plan, and (D) a budget and implementation timeline for such plan.

(c) Not later than January 1, [2023] 2024, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Such plan shall include an estimated budget and implementation timeline for the development of additional child care centers.