



General Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 934**

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LCO No. 3912



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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.***

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

1       Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July  
3       1, 2019*):

4       (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish and  
5       operate a child care subsidy program to increase the availability,  
6       affordability and quality of child care services for families with a  
7       parent or caretaker who (1) is working or [attending] enrolled in high  
8       school, a public or independent institution of higher education, an  
9       adult education program pursuant to section 10-69, an English as a  
10       second language program or a private occupational school authorized  
11       pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, or (2) receives cash  
12       assistance under the temporary family assistance program from the  
13       Department of Social Services and is participating in an education,  
14       training or other job preparation activity approved pursuant to  
15       subsection (b) of section 17b-688i or subsection (b) of section 17b-689d.

16 Services available under the child care subsidy program shall include  
17 the provision of child care subsidies for children under the age of  
18 thirteen or children under the age of nineteen with special needs. The  
19 Office of Early Childhood shall open and maintain enrollment for the  
20 child care subsidy program and shall administer such program within  
21 the existing budgetary resources available. The office shall issue a  
22 notice on the office's Internet web site any time the office closes the  
23 program to new applications, changes eligibility requirements,  
24 changes program benefits or makes any other change to the program's  
25 status or terms. [, except the office shall not be required to issue such  
26 notice when the office expands program eligibility.] Any change in the  
27 office's acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements,  
28 program benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms  
29 for which the office is required to give notice pursuant to this  
30 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the office issues  
31 such notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2019	17b-749(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand eligibility in the Care4Kids program to parents who are enrolled in school, in addition to high school, and require advance notice of expanded program eligibility.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*