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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 17b-749 of the 2014 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

6 (c) The commissioner shall establish eligibility and program
7 standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake and
8 eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of
9 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in
10 employment activities under the department's "Jobs First" program,
11 working families whose temporary family assistance was discontinued
12 not more than five years prior to the date of application for the child
13 care subsidy program, teen parents, low-income working families,
14 adoptive families of children who were adopted from the Department

15 of Children and Families and who are granted a waiver of income
16 standards under subdivision (2) of subsection (b), and working
17 families who are at risk of welfare dependency; (2) health and safety
18 standards for child care providers not required to be licensed; (3) a
19 reimbursement system for child care services which account for
20 differences in the age of the child, number of children in the family, the
21 geographic region and type of care provided by licensed and
22 unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of services provided by
23 licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful completion of fifteen
24 hours of annual in-service training or credentialing of child care
25 directors and administrators, and program accreditation; (4)
26 supplemental payment for special needs of the child and extended
27 nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process for providers
28 which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained at levels which
29 permit equal access to a variety of child care settings; (6) a sliding
30 reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an administrative
31 appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process to adjudicate
32 cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions and recover
33 overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and payment
34 eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care subsidy
35 experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other
36 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy
37 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in
38 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with
39 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be
40 issued annually by the Department of Social Services to the Governor
41 and the General Assembly in accordance with subdivision (10) of
42 section 17b-733. [Such action will] Information provided by the
43 Department of Social Services shall include, but not be limited to,
44 family income, age of child, region of state and length of time on such
45 waiting list. The commissioner shall not award a child care subsidy
46 pursuant to this section to any person who has received a child care
47 subsidy from the Department of Children and Families for the same
48 child during the same time period for which a child care subsidy is
49 sought pursuant to this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-749(c)