

SENATE, No. 2262

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator KOSCO

1 AN ACT establishing the Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot
2 Program.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that: although New Jersey
8 has experienced a growth of employer-based child care facilities, there
9 is still a large, unmet need for additional child care services for the
10 increasing numbers of working parents in the State; New Jersey should
11 provide incentives to encourage the establishment of innovative
12 employer-community partnerships; and through the use of volunteer
13 networks, particularly among retirees who have invaluable skills and
14 talents they can share with our youngest citizens, the State can
15 encourage intergenerational child care programs in retirement
16 communities throughout New Jersey.

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18 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish a three-
19 year Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot Program in the
20 Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human
21 Services.

22 The program shall be designed to involve: providers of continuing
23 care and assisted living services interested in developing child care
24 programs at their facilities to serve the children of the facilities'
25 employees and children from the surrounding communities; volunteer
26 networks of retired teachers, nurses and other qualified persons who
27 reside at the continuing care retirement communities and assisted
28 living facilities to participate in the child care program; employees at
29 these facilities who need child care services; community leaders; and
30 local businesses interested in establishing collaborative partnerships
31 with the continuing care retirement communities and assisted living
32 facilities in developing the child care centers to offer child care
33 services to their employees.

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35 3. a. The Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services
36 shall adopt reasonable and flexible regulations for creating the three-
37 year pilot program.

1 b. The director shall adopt standards regarding the physical facility,
2 staffing, record keeping and other administrative requirements for the
3 program.

4 c. The director shall review child care center proposals submitted
5 by continuing care retirement communities, regulated by the
6 Department of Community Affairs pursuant to P.L.1986, c.103
7 (C.52:27D-330 et seq.) and assisted living facilities, licensed by the
8 Department of Health and Senior Services, interested in participating
9 in the program as sponsors, and in consultation with the New Jersey
10 Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, grant low-interest loans from
11 the Intergenerational Child Care Pilot Program Fund, established
12 pursuant to section 4 of this act within six months of the effective date
13 of this act to those proposals which best meet the purposes of the
14 Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot Program.

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16 4. a. There is established in the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage
17 Finance Agency a nonlapsing, revolving Intergenerational Child Care
18 Incentive Pilot Program Fund for the purpose of granting low-interest
19 loans to eligible programs under the Intergenerational Child Care
20 Incentive Pilot Program in the Division of Youth and Family Services
21 in the Department of Human Services. Moneys in the fund not
22 immediately required for payment or liquid reserves may be invested
23 and reinvested by the agency in the same manner in which other
24 agency funds may be invested.

25 b. There shall be paid into the fund (1) otherwise uncommitted
26 reserves of the agency available for this purpose, in amounts to be
27 determined by the agency to be prudent and appropriate; (2) any
28 income earned upon investment of moneys in the fund by the agency
29 pursuant to subsection a. of this section; and (3) any other funds that
30 may be available to the fund through appropriation by the Legislature
31 or otherwise.

32 c. The amount of a low-interest loan available to an eligible
33 program shall not exceed \$50,000.

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35 5. Volunteers in the continuing care retirement communities and
36 assisted living facilities in which the pilot programs are located may
37 participate in a training program established by the Director of the
38 Division of Youth and Family Services for the Neighborhood-Based
39 Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program, established pursuant to
40 P.L. ,c. (C.)(Pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill
41 No.), or the director may refer them to other volunteer training
42 programs.

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44 6. The Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the
45 Department of Human Services shall apply for and accept any grant of
46 money from the federal government, private foundations or other

1 sources, which may be available for the Intergenerational Child Care
2 Incentive Pilot Program and for volunteer training.

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4 7. No later than six months before the expiration of this act, the
5 Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the
6 Department of Human Services shall report to the Legislature and the
7 Governor on the effectiveness of the program and present
8 recommendations for expanding the program, as appropriate.

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10 8. In accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
11 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Director of the Division of
12 Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human Services shall
13 adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
14 act.

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16 9. This act shall take effect immediately and expire on the first day
17 of the 37th month after enactment.

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20 STATEMENT

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22 This bill directs the Commissioner of Human Services to establish
23 a three-year Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot Program in
24 the Division of Youth and Family Services.

25 The program shall be designed to involve: providers of continuing
26 care and assisted living services interested in developing child care
27 programs at their facilities to serve the children of the facilities'
28 employees and children from the surrounding communities; volunteer
29 networks of retired teachers, nurses and other qualified persons who
30 reside at the continuing care retirement communities and the assisted
31 living facilities to participate in the child care program; employees at
32 these facilities who need child care services; community leaders; and
33 local businesses interested in establishing collaborative partnerships
34 with the continuing care retirement communities and assisted living
35 facilities in developing the child care centers.

36 The bill provides that the Director of the Division of Youth and
37 Family Services shall adopt reasonable and flexible regulations for
38 creating the three-year pilot program. The director shall adopt
39 standards regarding the physical facility, staffing, record keeping and
40 other administrative requirements for the program.

41 The director shall review child care center proposals submitted by
42 continuing care retirement communities and assisted living facilities
43 interested in participating in the program as sponsors, and in
44 consultation with the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance
45 Agency, grant low-interest loans within six months of the effective
46 date of this bill to those proposals which best meet the purposes of the

1 pilot program.

2 The bill establishes the Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot
3 Program Fund in the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance
4 Agency for the purpose of granting the low-interest loans. The amount
5 of a low-interest loan available to an eligible program shall not exceed
6 \$50,000.

7 The bill provides that volunteers in the continuing care retirement
8 communities and assisted living facilities in which the pilot programs
9 are located may participate in a training program established by the
10 Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services for the
11 Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program,
12 established pursuant to P.L. ,c. (C.)(Pending before the
13 Legislature as Assembly Bill No.), or refer them to other volunteer
14 training programs.

15 Also, the Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services
16 shall apply for and accept any grant of money from the federal
17 government, private foundations or other sources, which may be
18 available for the child care incentive programs and for volunteer
19 training.

20 No later than six months before the expiration of this bill, the
21 director shall report to the Legislature and the Governor on the
22 effectiveness of the program and present recommendations for
23 expanding the program, as appropriate.

24 This bill is one of several legislative initiatives resulting from a
25 series of public hearings on child care issues which were held by the
26 General Assembly Advisory Council on Women in 1996 and 1997.

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31 Establishes Intergenerational Child Care Incentive Pilot Program.