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SYNOPSIS

Establishes grant program for constructing kitchen facilities in licensed child care centers; appropriates \$1,000,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** establishing a grant program for the construction of kitchen
2 facilities in licensed child care centers, supplementing Title 30 of
3 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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

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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall
9 establish a program to provide grants to child care centers licensed
10 pursuant to P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) for the design and
11 construction of kitchen facilities and to assist the centers in
12 educating children about good nutrition and encouraging healthy
13 eating habits. The grant program shall be administered by the
14 commissioner.

15 b. A child care center that elects to participate in the grant
16 program shall submit an application to the commissioner on a form
17 and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The application
18 shall, at a minimum, include the following:

19 (1) a statement by the center that explains its need for a kitchen
20 facility and how it will use that facility to educate children about
21 good nutrition and encourage healthy eating habits;

22 (2) a description of the age-appropriate curriculum that the
23 center will adopt to educate children about good nutrition and
24 encourage healthy eating habits;

25 (3) a detailed blueprint of the design and specifications of the
26 kitchen facility;

27 (4) a statement that the center shall comply with all applicable
28 provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, as
29 specified in N.J.A.C.5:23-1.1 et seq., and shall obtain the necessary
30 Sanitary Safety Inspection Certificate, as specified in N.J.A.C.8:24-
31 1.1 et seq., indicating that the kitchen facility shall be in compliance
32 with the applicable requirements of the State Sanitary Code; and

33 (5) an estimated budget for the design and construction of the
34 kitchen facility and the amount of the requested grant.

35 c. Upon receipt of an application, the commissioner shall
36 review the application and, subject to the availability of funds,
37 award a grant to each approved grant applicant. The commissioner,
38 to the maximum extent practicable, shall equitably distribute grant
39 awards to successful applicants in the northern, central, and
40 southern regions of the State, including child care centers located in
41 urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

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43 2. The Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to the
44 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
45 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
46 purposes of this act.

1 3. There is appropriated \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to
2 the Department of Children and Families to implement the
3 provisions of this act.

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5 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill requires the Commissioner of Children and Families to
11 establish a program to provide grants to licensed child care centers
12 for the design and construction of kitchen facilities and to assist the
13 centers in educating children about good nutrition and encouraging
14 healthy eating habits. The commissioner would administer the
15 program.

16 Under the provisions of the bill, a child care center electing to
17 participate in the program is to submit to the commissioner a grant
18 application that meets specific criteria outlined in the bill. Upon
19 review of the application and subject to the availability of funds, the
20 commissioner would award grants to approved applicants. The
21 commissioner, to the maximum extent practicable, would equitably
22 distribute grant awards to successful applicants in the northern,
23 central, and southern regions of the State, including child care
24 centers in urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

25 Finally, the bill appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund
26 to the Department of Children and Families to implement the
27 provisions of the bill.