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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to develop incentives to encourage private investment in child care deserts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Women and Children Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning financial incentives for private investment in
2 New Jersey’s child care deserts and supplementing P.L.2019,
3 c.426.

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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. As used in section 2 of this act:

9 “Child care desert” means a community or a geographic area in
10 which demand for quality child care services surpasses the available
11 supply of such services, as determined by the Commissioner of
12 Human Services.

13 “Child care facility” means a child care provider that is either
14 licensed or registered with the State Office of Licensing, or has
15 been evaluated and approved by the Division of Family
16 Development in the Department of Human Services, to care for one
17 or more children for fewer than 24 hours of care per day.

18 “Child care subsidy program” means the voucher program,
19 jointly funded by the State and the federal government, that helps
20 eligible low-to-moderate income families afford high-quality child
21 care services.

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23 2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
24 contrary, the Commissioner of Human Services, in coordination
25 with the Commissioner of Community Affairs, the Chief Executive
26 Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the
27 Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the
28 Treasury and the Commissioner of Children and Families, shall
29 establish a program of financial incentives to encourage private
30 investment in child care facilities located in the State’s identified
31 child care deserts, provided that the program shall be implemented
32 no later than 90 days after the effective date of this act.

33 b. The financial incentives to be considered by the
34 commissioner shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- 35 (1) tax credits;
36 (2) tax exemptions;
37 (3) loan guarantees; and,
38 (4) assistance with recruiting, hiring and training employees.

39 c. The commissioner shall apply for such State plan
40 amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the
41 program of financial incentives established pursuant to this section
42 and to continue to secure federal financial participation for
43 subsidized child care programs for qualified low-to-moderate
44 income households.

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EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 3. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
2 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
3 1 et seq.), and in consultation with the Commissioner of
4 Community Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey
5 Economic Development Authority, the State Treasurer, and the
6 Commissioner of Children and Families, shall adopt such rules and
7 regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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9 4. This act shall take effect ¹**【immediately】** on the 180th day
10 after enactment, except that the commissioner may take any
11 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
12 for the implementation of this act.¹