

By the Committee on Children, Families and Seniors and Senator Kurth

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Child Care Executive
3 Partnership; amending s. 409.178, F.S.;
4 conforming title of the partnership program;
5 revising membership of the partnership;
6 authorizing administration of child care
7 purchasing pool funds by the state resource and
8 referral agency; providing for development of
9 procedures for disbursement of funds through
10 the child care purchasing pools; deleting
11 references to pilot child care purchasing
12 pools; revising parent fee requirements;
13 providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), (4), and (5) of
18 section 409.178, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

19 409.178 Child Care Partnership Act; findings and
20 intent; grant; limitation; rules.--

21 (1) This section may be cited as the "Child Care
22 Executive Partnership Act."

23 (3) There is created a body politic and corporate
24 known as the Child Care Executive Partnership which shall
25 establish and govern the Child Care Executive Partnership
26 Program. The purpose of the Child Care Executive Partnership
27 Program is to utilize state and federal funds as incentives
28 for matching local funds derived from local governments,
29 employers, charitable foundations, and other sources, so that
30 Florida communities may create local flexible partnerships
31 with employers. The Child Care Executive Partnership Program

1 funds shall be used at the discretion of local communities to
2 meet the needs of ~~local communities in addressing the child~~
3 ~~care needs of~~ working parents. A child care purchasing pool
4 shall be developed with the state, federal, and local funds to
5 provide subsidies to low-income working parents who are
6 eligible for subsidized child care with a dollar-for-dollar
7 match from employers, local government, and other matching
8 contributions ~~contributors~~. The funds used from the child care
9 purchasing pool must be used to supplement or extend the use
10 of existing public or private funds and may not be used to
11 supplant the maintenance of effort presently exerted's by the
12 employer or other participant in the activity funded.

13 (4) The Child Care Executive Partnership, staffed by
14 the department, shall consist of:

15 ~~(a)~~ a representative of the Executive Office of the
16 Governor; and;

17 ~~(b)~~ nine members of the corporate or child care
18 community, appointed by the Governor, to be known hereafter
19 ~~as the "board."~~

20 ~~(c)~~ ~~One representative from each of the 10 Child Care~~
21 ~~Partnership Program pilot purchasing pool counties established~~
22 ~~by the board, known hereafter as the "oversight group."~~

23 (a)1. ~~Members of the board~~ shall serve for a period of
24 4 years, except that;

25 ~~2. Members of the oversight group and the~~
26 representative of the Executive Office of the Governor shall
27 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

28 (b)3. ~~The Child Care Executive Partnership shall be~~
29 chaired by a member chosen by a majority vote ~~of the board~~ and
30 shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call
31 of the chair.

1 ~~(c)4.~~ Members shall serve without compensation, but
2 may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in
3 accordance with s. 112.061.

4 ~~(d)5.~~ The Child Care Executive Partnership shall have
5 all the powers and authority, not explicitly prohibited by
6 statute, necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes of
7 this section, as well as the functions, duties, and
8 responsibilities of the partnership, including, but not
9 limited to, the following:

10 ~~1.a.~~ Assisting in the formulation and coordination of
11 the state's child care policy.

12 ~~2.b.~~ Adopting an official seal.

13 ~~3.e.~~ Soliciting, accepting, receiving, investing, and
14 expending funds from public or private sources.

15 ~~4.d.~~ Contracting with public or private entities as
16 necessary.

17 ~~5.e.~~ Approving an annual budget.

18 ~~6.f.~~ Carrying forward any unexpended state
19 appropriations into succeeding fiscal years.

20 ~~7.g.~~ Providing a report to the Governor, the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives, and the President of the
22 Senate, on or before December 1 of each year.

23 (5)(a) The Legislature shall annually determine the
24 amount of state or federal low-income child care moneys which
25 shall be used to create Child Care Executive Partnership
26 Program child care purchasing pools in counties chosen by ~~the~~
27 ~~board of the Child Care Executive Partnership through June 30,~~
28 ~~1998,~~ provided that at least two of the counties have
29 populations of no more than 300,000. ~~After that date,~~The
30 Legislature shall annually review the effectiveness of the
31 child care purchasing pool program and reevaluate the

1 percentage of additional state or federal funds, if any, that
2 can be used for the program's expansion.

3 (b) To ensure a seamless service delivery and ease of
4 access for families, the community coordinated child care
5 agencies or the state resource and referral agency shall
6 administer the child care purchasing pool funds.

7 (c) The department, in conjunction with the Child Care
8 Executive Partnership, shall develop procedures for
9 disbursement of funds through the ~~shall issue a request for~~
10 ~~proposal for the operation of the pilot~~ child care purchasing
11 pools. In order to be considered for funding, the community
12 coordinated child care agency or the statewide resource and
13 referral agency must commit to:

14 1. Matching the state ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool funds on a
15 dollar-for-dollar basis; and

16 2. Expending only those public funds which are matched
17 by employers, local government, and other matching
18 contributors who contribute to the ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool.
19 Parents shall also pay a fee, which shall be not less than the
20 amount identified in ~~based upon~~ the department's subsidized
21 child care sliding fee scale.

22 (d) Each community coordinated child care agency shall
23 be required to establish a community child care task force for
24 each ~~pilot~~ child care purchasing pool. The task force must be
25 composed of employers, parents, private child care providers,
26 and one representative each from the district interagency
27 coordinating council for children's services and the local
28 children's services council, if they exist in the area of the
29 ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. The community coordinated child care
30 agency is expected to recruit the task force members from
31 existing child care councils, commissions, or task forces

1 already operating in the area of a ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. A
2 majority of the task force shall consist of employers. Each
3 task force shall develop a plan for the use of child care
4 purchasing pool funds. The plan must show how many children
5 will be served by the ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool, how many will be
6 new to receiving child care services, and how the community
7 coordinated child care agency intends to attract new employers
8 and their employees to the program ~~pilot project~~.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
10 year in which enacted.

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12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
14 Senate Bill 1878

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16 Deletes the requirement that the child care purchasing
17 pool provide subsidies to families whose income does not
18 exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
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