

By Representative Brennan

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 family income eligibility  
6           requirements; revising membership of the  
7           partnership; authorizing administration of  
8           child care purchasing pool funds by the state  
9           resource and referral agency; providing for  
10          development of procedures for disbursement of  
11          funds through the child care purchasing pools;  
12          deleting references to pilot child care  
13          purchasing pools; revising parent fee  
14          requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), (4), and (5) of  
19 section 409.178, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:20           409.178 Child Care Executive Partnership Act; findings  
21 and intent; grant; limitation; rules.--22           (1) This section may be cited as the "Child Care  
23 Executive Partnership Act."24           (3) There is created a body politic and corporate  
25 known as the Child Care Executive Partnership which shall  
26 establish and govern the Child Care Executive Partnership  
27 Program. The purpose of the Child Care Executive Partnership  
28 Program is to utilize state and federal funds as incentives  
29 for matching local funds derived from local governments,  
30 employers, charitable foundations, and other sources, so that  
31 Florida communities may create local flexible partnerships

1 with employers. The Child Care Executive Partnership Program  
2 funds shall be used at the discretion of local communities to  
3 meet the needs of ~~local communities in addressing the child~~  
4 ~~care needs of~~ working parents. A child care purchasing pool  
5 shall be developed with the state, federal, and local funds to  
6 provide subsidies to low-income working parents whose family  
7 income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty  
8 level,~~who are eligible for subsidized child care~~ with a  
9 dollar-for-dollar match from employers, local government, and  
10 other matching contributions ~~contributors~~. The funds used from  
11 the child care purchasing pool must be used to supplement or  
12 extend the use of existing public or private funds and may not  
13 be used to supplant the maintenance of effort presently  
14 exerted's by the employer or other participant in the activity  
15 funded.

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

18 ~~(a)~~ a representative of the Executive Office of the  
19 Governor; and ~~and~~

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

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

26 (a)1. ~~Members of the board~~ shall serve for a period of  
27 4 years, except that ~~that~~

28 ~~2.~~ ~~Members of the oversight group and the~~  
29 representative of the Executive Office of the Governor shall  
30 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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

5           **(c)4.** Members shall serve without compensation, but  
6 may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in  
7 accordance with s. 112.061.

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

14           **1.a.** Assisting in the formulation and coordination of  
15 the state's child care policy.

16           **2.b.** Adopting an official seal.

17           **3.c.** Soliciting, accepting, receiving, investing, and  
18 expending funds from public or private sources.

19           **4.d.** Contracting with public or private entities as  
20 necessary.

21           **5.e.** Approving an annual budget.

22           **6.f.** Carrying forward any unexpended state  
23 appropriations into succeeding fiscal years.

24           **7.g.** Providing a report to the Governor, the Speaker  
25 of the House of Representatives, and the President of the  
26 Senate, on or before December 1 of each year.

27           (5)(a) The Legislature shall annually determine the  
28 amount of state or federal low-income child care moneys which  
29 shall be used to create Child Care Executive Partnership  
30 Program child care purchasing pools in counties chosen by ~~the~~  
31 ~~board of the Child Care Executive Partnership through June 30,~~

1 ~~1998~~, provided that at least two of the counties have  
2 populations of no more than 300,000. ~~After that date,~~The  
3 Legislature shall annually review the effectiveness of the  
4 child care purchasing pool program and reevaluate the  
5 percentage of additional state or federal funds, if any, that  
6 can be used for the program's expansion.

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

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

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

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

26 (d) Each community coordinated child care agency shall  
27 be required to establish a community child care task force for  
28 each ~~pilot~~ child care purchasing pool. The task force must be  
29 composed of employers, parents, private child care providers,  
30 and one representative each from the district interagency  
31 coordinating council for children's services and the local

1 children's services council, if they exist in the area of the  
2 ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. The community coordinated child care  
3 agency is expected to recruit the task force members from  
4 existing child care councils, commissions, or task forces  
5 already operating in the area of a ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. A  
6 majority of the task force shall consist of employers. Each  
7 task force shall develop a plan for the use of child care  
8 purchasing pool funds. The plan must show how many children  
9 will be served by the ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool, how many will be  
10 new to receiving child care services, and how the community  
11 coordinated child care agency intends to attract new employers  
12 and their employees to the program ~~pilot project~~.

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

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16 HOUSE SUMMARY

17  
18 Renames the "Child Care Partnership Program" as the  
19 "Child Care Executive Partnership Program." Provides  
20 eligibility for families with incomes at or below 200  
21 percent of federal poverty level. Authorizes  
22 administration of child care purchasing pool funds by the  
23 state resource and referral agency, as well as the  
24 community coordinated child care agencies. Directs the  
25 Department of Children and Family Services to develop  
26 procedures for disbursement of funds through the child  
27 care purchasing pools. Requires parent fees to be at  
28 least equal to the amounts on the subsidized child care  
29 sliding fee scale. Removes references to pilot child care  
30 purchasing pools. Eliminates the "oversight group"  
31 members of the partnership, representing the counties  
with pilot purchasing pools.