

STATE OF NEW YORK

10486

IN ASSEMBLY

May 27, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Weinstein)
-- (at request of the Governor) -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend chapter 53 of the laws of 2022, enacting the aid to
localities budget, in relation to an increase in the federal poverty
level for purposes of the child care program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2022, enacting the
2 aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow
3 set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items
4 underscored in this section.

5 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
6 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

7 AID TO LOCALITIES 2022-23

8 CHILD CARE PROGRAM 965,025,200
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10 General Fund
11 Local Assistance Account - 10000

12 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision
13 of law, the funds appropriated herein
14 shall be available for transfer to the
15 federal health and human services fund,
16 local assistance account, federal day care
17 account to operate and support enrollment
18 in the child care facilitated enrollment
19 pilot program which expand access to child
20 care subsidies for working families who
21 live or are employed in Manhattan, the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens
2 with income up to [~~275~~] 300 percent of the
3 federal poverty level as provided to the
4 Consortium for Worker Education to admin-
5 ister and to implement a plan approved by
6 the office of children and family
7 services. The administrative cost, includ-
8 ing the cost of the development of the
9 evaluation of the pilot program shall not
10 exceed ten percent of the funds available
11 for the purpose. The remaining portion of
12 the funds shall be allocated to the office
13 of children and family services to the
14 local social services district where the
15 recipient families reside as determined by
16 the project administrator based on
17 projected need and cost of providing child
18 care subsidies payment to working families
19 enrolled through the pilot initiative,
20 provided however the local social services
21 district shall not reimburse subsidy
22 payment in excess of the amount the subsi-
23 dy funding appropriated herein can support
24 and the applicable local social services
25 district shall not be required to approve
26 or pay for subsidies not funded herein.
27 Child care subsidies paid on behalf of
28 eligible families shall be reimbursed at
29 the actual cost of care up to the applica-
30 ble market rate for the district in which
31 the child care is provided and in accord-
32 ance with the fee schedule of the local
33 social services district making the subsi-
34 dy payment. Up to ten percent of funds
35 available for this purpose shall be made
36 available to the Consortium for Worker
37 Education, or other designated administra-
38 tor, to administer and to implement a plan
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40 family services for this pilot program.
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50 labor a report on the pilot program with
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56 working parents with income greater than

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ages of the children served by the
program, the number of families served by
the program who are in receipt of family
assistance, the factors that parents
considered when searching for child care,
the factors that barred the families'
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who receive a child care subsidy pursuant
to this program who choose to use such
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number of families who receive a child
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§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2022.