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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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

AID TO LOCALITIES 2022-23

CHILD CARE PROGRAM 965,025,200

General Fund
Local Assistance Account - 10000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who

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

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live or are employed in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the Consortium for Worker Education to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this purpose shall be made available to the Consortium for Worker Education, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include available information regarding the pilot program or participants in the pilot program, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of

working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the 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' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the program administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for this pilot program shall submit bimonthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordination of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit

claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion 500,000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who live or are employed in Onondaga County with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social service district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this purpose shall be made available to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate

committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include available information regarding the pilot program or participants in the pilot program, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the 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' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the program administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for this pilot program shall submit bimonthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordi-

nation of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion 500,000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who live or are employed in Erie County with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this

purpose shall be made available to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include available information regarding the pilot program or participants in the pilot program, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the 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' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the program administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for this pilot program shall submit bimonthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without

benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordination of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion 500,000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who live or are employed in Nassau County with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not

be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this purpose shall be made available to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include available information regarding the pilot program or participants in the pilot program, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the 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' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the program administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld,

and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for this pilot program shall submit bimonthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordination of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion 1,500,000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who live or are employed in Suffolk County with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as

determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this purpose shall be made available to the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include available information regarding the pilot program or participants in the pilot program, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the 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' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the

number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the program administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for this pilot program shall submit bimonthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordination of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion 1,500,000

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

AID TO LOCALITIES 2022-23

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAM 5,186,541,000

Special Revenue Funds - Federal
Federal Health and Human Services Fund
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Account - 25178

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to continue operation of the facilitated enrollment pilot program in Capital Region-Oneida (consisting of Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Albany and Oneida counties) as provided to the NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to act or continue to act as the administrator to implement the program proposed by the union child care coalition of the NYS AFL-CIO and approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for this purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated by the office of children and family services to the local social services districts where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, a local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payments in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to $254,900 shall be made available to the NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, or other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program in consultation with the advisory council.

This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, and the assembly committee on social services, an evaluation of the pilot with

recommendations. Such evaluation shall include available information regarding the pilot programs or participants in the pilot programs, including but not limited to: the number of income eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level, the ages of the children served by the project, the number of families served by the project who are in receipt of family assistance, the factors that parents considered when searching for child care, the factors that barred the families' access to child care assistance prior to their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the applicable project administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 30, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided, in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payments. The administrator for this pilot project is required to submit bi-monthly reports on the fifteenth day of every other month beginning on May 15, 2022 and bi-monthly thereafter that provide current enrollment and information including, but not limited to, the amount of the approved subsidy level, the level of co-payment by the local social services district required for the participants in the program, the program's adopted budget reflecting all expenses including salaries and other information as needed, to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on

social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families and the assembly committee on social services, and the local social services districts.

Provided however that if such bi-monthly reports are not received from this Capital Region-Oneida administrator, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such administrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist in timely coordination with the monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this pilot program maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion (52211) 2,549,000

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein, shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment in the child care facilitated enrollment pilot programs which expand access to child care subsidies for working families living or employed in the Liberty Zone, the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Bronx, and in the county of Monroe, with income up to [~~275~~] **300** percent of the federal poverty level. Of the amount appropriated herein, $2,185,000 shall be made available for Monroe county, and $3,754,000 shall be made available for all other projects. Up to $218,500 shall be made available to the NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer Monroe county's program and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services; and up to $375,400 shall be made available to the Consortium for Worker Education, Inc., to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for

the programs in the Liberty Zone, and the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Bronx. Each pilot program administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on children and families and the senate committee on social services, the chair of the assembly committee on children and families, the chair of the assembly committee on social services, the chair of the senate committee on labor, and the chair of the assembly committee on labor, a report on the pilot with recommendations for continuation or dissolution of the program supported by appropriate documentation. Such report shall include available, information regarding the pilot programs or participants in the pilot programs, absent identifying information, including but not limited to: the number of income-eligible children of working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than [~~275~~] 300 percent of the federal poverty level; the ages of the children served by the project, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy for regulated child care, and the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such subsidy to receive child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be submitted by the applicable project administrator, on or before November 1, 2022, provided that if such report is not received by November 1, 2022, reimbursement for administrative costs shall be either reduced or withheld, and failure of an administrator to submit a timely report may jeopardize such program's funding in future years. Expenses related to the development of the evaluation of the pilot programs shall be paid from the pilot program's administrative set-aside or non-state funds. The remaining portion of the project's funds shall be allocated by the office of children and family services to the local social services districts where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected needs and cost of providing child care subsidy payments to working families enrolled in the child care subsidy program through the pilot

initiative, provided however that the office of children and family services shall not reimburse subsidy payments in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided, for subsidy payments in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payments. Pilot programs are required to submit bi-monthly reports to the office of children and family services, the local social services district, and for programs located in the city of New York, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report must provide without benefit of personal identifying information, the pilot program's current enrollment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels and other information as needed or required by the office of children and family services. Further, the office of children and family services shall provide technical assistance to the pilot program to assist with project administration and timely coordination of the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any pilot programs maintained herein may be terminated if the administrator for such programs mismanages such programs, by engaging in actions including but not limited to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fashion (52212) 5,939,000

§ 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.