



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5414***

LCO No. 2290



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY FAMILIES AND ENROLLMENT IN THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-248e of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2026*):

4 (a) (1) Each eligible child and his or her family shall receive [(1)] (A)  
5 a multidisciplinary assessment of the child's unique needs and the  
6 identification of services appropriate to meet such needs, [(2)] (B) a  
7 written individualized family service plan developed by a  
8 multidisciplinary team, including the parent, [within] not later than  
9 forty-five days after the referral, [(3)] (C) a review of the individualized  
10 family service plan with the family at least every six months, with  
11 evaluation of the individualized family service plan at least annually,  
12 and [(4)] (D) not later than two months after the date on which any child  
13 is determined to be ineligible for participation in preschool programs  
14 under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, 20 USC 1471 et seq.,

15 a referral to register for a mobile application designated by the  
16 Commissioner of Early Childhood for the purpose of continued  
17 screening for developmental and social-emotional delays in partnership  
18 with the local or regional board of education for the school district in  
19 which such child resides pursuant to subparagraph (H) of subdivision  
20 (10) of subsection (a) of section 10-76d, provided a form used for  
21 screening for developmental and social-emotional delays using a  
22 validated screening tool, such as the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and  
23 the Ages and Stages Social-Emotional Questionnaire, or its equivalent,  
24 is provided to any family upon the request of such family for the  
25 purpose of completing and submitting such form to the local or regional  
26 board of education for the school district in which such child resides.

27 (2) If an eligible child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in  
28 section 27-103, is referred to this state's early intervention system as a  
29 result of such member having received military orders directing such  
30 member to the state or any other documents from the armed forces  
31 indicating the transfer of such member to the state, and such eligible  
32 child was enrolled in the early intervention system in the previous state  
33 or territory with an individualized family service plan pursuant to Part  
34 C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1431 et seq.,  
35 this state's early intervention system shall take necessary steps,  
36 including, but not limited to, the transfer of any records and prior  
37 assessments, the performance of any reassessments and, not later than  
38 forty-five days after the referral, the holding of any meeting to develop  
39 a written individualized family service plan for such eligible child, to  
40 ensure a minimally disruptive transition to this state's provision of early  
41 intervention services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	17a-248e(a)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To facilitate the transition for children of military families who require access to early intervention services when moving to the state due to servicemembers' relocation orders.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*