



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 266***

LCO No. 1446



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT LIMITING THE ACCESS OF PRIVATE EQUITY TO FUNDS  
FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-512d of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year  
5 thereafter, the Commissioner of Early Childhood may expend, in  
6 accordance with the provisions of section 10-512c, funds released by the  
7 Treasurer from the Early Childhood Education Endowment, pursuant  
8 to section 10-512b, to any early care and education program providing  
9 child care services, as described in section 19a-77, or preschool program  
10 operated by a local or regional board of education that is (1) receiving  
11 financial assistance under Early Start CT pursuant to section 10-550b, (2)  
12 participating in the quality improvement system established by the  
13 Office of Early Childhood under subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of  
14 section 10-500, and (3) participating in the Child and Adult Care Food  
15 Program, 42 USC 1766, as amended from time to time, unless such

16 program has received a waiver from participation in said program by  
17 the Commissioner of Early Childhood or is a public school preschool  
18 program that offers free or reduced priced lunches pursuant to federal  
19 law and regulations, except the commissioner may not expend such  
20 funds to any such early care and education program that is owned or  
21 controlled by a private equity company until such funds have been  
22 expended to all other such early care and education programs and  
23 preschool programs. As used this section "private equity company"  
24 means an asset class consisting of equity securities and debt in operating  
25 companies that are not publicly traded on a stock exchange.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	10-512d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To give priority to funding from the Early Childhood Education Endowment to those child care service providers that are not backed by private equity.

*[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.]*