



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 266

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Cal. No. 47

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

6 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year
7 thereafter, the Commissioner of Early Childhood may expend, in
8 accordance with the provisions of section 10-512c, funds released by the
9 Treasurer from the Early Childhood Education Endowment, pursuant
10 to section 10-512b, to any early care and education program providing
11 child care services, as described in section 19a-77, or preschool program
12 operated by a local or regional board of education that is (1) receiving

13 financial assistance under Early Start CT pursuant to section 10-550b, (2)
 14 participating in the quality improvement system established by the
 15 Office of Early Childhood under subdivision (15) of subsection (b) of
 16 section 10-500, and (3) participating in the Child and Adult Care Food
 17 Program, 42 USC 1766, as amended from time to time, unless such
 18 program has received a waiver from participation in said program by
 19 the Commissioner of Early Childhood or is a public school preschool
 20 program that offers free or reduced priced lunches pursuant to federal
 21 law and regulations, except the commissioner may not expend such
 22 funds to any such early care and education programs or preschool
 23 programs for which a private equity entity has a controlling interest
 24 until such funds have been expended to all other eligible early care and
 25 education programs and preschool programs, provided the
 26 commissioner has determined there are no other eligible entities to
 27 provide such early care and education programs and preschool
 28 programs and the private equity entity otherwise meets all of the office's
 29 applicable application standards. As used in this section, (A) "private
 30 equity entity" means any entity that collects capital investments from
 31 individuals or entities and purchases, as a parent company or through
 32 another entity that the private equity entity completely or partially owns
 33 or controls, a direct or indirect ownership interest of an early care and
 34 education program or preschool program; (B) "indirect ownership
 35 interest" has the same meaning as provided in 42 CFR 455.101, as
 36 amended from time to time; and (C) "controlling interest" means the
 37 direct or indirect power to direct the management and policies of an
 38 early care and education program or preschool program, whether
 39 through ownership of voting securities, contract or other means."

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