

HOUSE BILL NO. 5043

June 16, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Breen, O'Malley, Markkanen, Roth, Puri, Ellison, Wakeman, Aiyash, Hope, Koleszar, Garza, Steckloff, Morse, Tate, Tyrone Carter, Manoogian, Calley, Anthony, Stone, Witwer, Brenda Carter, Coleman, Hammoud, Neeley, Cavanagh, Bellino, Kuppa, Young, Yaroach, Cynthia Johnson and Rabhi and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to create family child care networks; to prescribe the powers and duties of state departments and agencies; and to provide resources to child care providers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "family child care networks act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of education.

5 (b) "Family child care network" or "network" means the

1 networks created under section 5.

2 (c) "Provider" means a home-based group child care home or
3 family child care home licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to
4 722.128.

5 (d) "Region" means 1 of at least 4 areas of the state as
6 determined by the department to provide technical assistance to
7 child care providers.

8 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall establish the family child
9 care networks to support home-based child care providers. The
10 family child care networks must serve every region of the state.

11 (2) The department shall convene stakeholders to develop a
12 framework for family child care networks based on the needs of
13 providers. The framework must include, at least, the following:

- 14 (a) Business supports.
- 15 (b) Connections to peers.
- 16 (c) Operational supports.
- 17 (d) Program quality support.
- 18 (e) Training and technical assistance.
- 19 (f) Engaging new providers.

20 Sec. 10. A family child care network must offer or connect
21 providers to services including, but not limited to, all of the
22 following:

- 23 (a) Individual coaching.
- 24 (b) Training and professional development, including
25 supporting developmental screenings, health and nutrition, program
26 quality, and early childhood mental health consultation.
- 27 (c) Connections to peers.
- 28 (d) Operational supports, including assistance with licensing,
29 subsidy billing, and recruiting families.

1 (e) Business services, including tax preparation, policies and
2 procedures, and human resources support.

3 Sec. 15. (1) The department shall do, at a minimum, all of the
4 following:

5 (a) Upon appropriation, establish a family child care network
6 in every region of this state.

7 (b) Require all networks to participate in the following:

8 (i) A statewide community of practice.

9 (ii) Professional development for network staff.

10 (iii) Data collection and evaluation to measure success and
11 improve the networks' responsiveness to providers.

12 (c) Require networks to be connected to the state's existing
13 child care infrastructure, including, at least, the state's quality
14 and licensing system.

15 (2) The department shall submit an annual report on the
16 activities and outcomes of each family child care network by region
17 and the changes in the number of home-based providers in the state
18 to the house and senate appropriation committees on the department
19 budget and the state budget office.