

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 30:5B-26 to 30:5B-29

(Child care for school-age children--
establish grant program in Human
Services)

LAWS OF: 1987

CHAPTER: 215

Bill No: S1721

Sponsor(s): Gormley

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Senate: Children's Services, Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

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Amendments during passage denoted
by asterisks.

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Yes

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Assembly

Yes

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Senate

Yes

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No

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974.90 New Jersey. Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning.
C536 New Jersey's action plan for children;
1985b recommendations . . . Trenton, 1985.
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SENATE, No. 1721

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 1986

By Senator GORMLEY

Referred to Committee on Children's Services

AN ACT creating a program in the Department of Human Services to support the provision of child care before and after regular school hours for school children and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

2 a. That the increase in single-parent households and two-career
3 families has resulted in a growing number of young children who
4 are unsupervised from the time school ends until a parent returns
5 from work, with one national study estimating that 6,000,000 chil-
6 dren, aged five to 13, are unsupervised daily.

7 b. That unsupervised children are more likely to engage in drug
8 abuse, alcohol abuse, or other delinquent behavior, and are at
9 greater risk of being the victims of criminal acts.

10 c. That in many communities child care programs to serve these
11 school-age children are nonexistent, too limited to accommodate
12 the demand, or too expensive for some families to utilize.

13 d. That the State can play a useful and important role in the
14 promotion of quality and adequate day care services which will
15 benefit the well-being of children and families.

1 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish a grant
2 program to encourage and support the provision of nonsectarian
3 child care in public and nonpublic school buildings or another
4 appropriate location as approved by the commissioner before and
5 after the regular school day for children. Subject to the avail-

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate amendment adopted October 30, 1986.**

6 ability of funds, the commissioner may award annual grants to
7 assist local school boards, public agencies and nonprofit organiza-
8 tions which propose to offer nonsectarian child care to school-age
9 children.

1 3. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with
2 the Commissioner of Education and the Advisory Council on Child
3 Care established pursuant to section 14 of P. L. 1983, c. 492 (C.
4 30:5B-14) and the Division on Women in the Department of Com-
5 munity Affairs established pursuant to P. L. 1974, c. 87 (C.
6 52:27D-43.8 et seq.), shall establish criteria for assessing the
7 suitability of grant applicants. Each applicant for a grant under
8 this act shall:

9 a. Describe the need for and type of child care services to be
10 furnished;

11 b. Provide assurances that the applicant has knowledge of and
12 experience in the special nature of child care services for school-
13 age children;

14 c. Provide assurances that each person to be employed by the
15 applicant for child care has appropriate experience and character
16 including a criminal history records check of the files of the State
17 Bureau of Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
18 Identification Division;

19 d. Provide evidence that the applicant will be afforded use of
20 an appropriate school facility or another appropriate location as
21 approved by the commissioner, which may be a child care center
22 licensed pursuant to P. L. 1983, c. 492 (C. 30:5B-1 et seq.);

23 e. Provide assurances that the program will be in conformity
24 with all appropriate statutes, regulations, ordinances, and such
25 programs as shall be developed for the program created by this act;

26 f. Provide a tentative budget for the program, including a pro-
27 posed sliding-fee schedule which should reflect a family's capacity
28 to pay;

29 g. Provide assurances that the parents of school-age children
30 will be involved in the development and implementation of the
31 child care program; and

32 h. Provide such other assurances and information as the com-
33 missioner shall reasonably require to carry out the provisions of
34 this act.

1 4. The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt pursuant
2 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C.
3 52:14B-1 et seq.) rules and regulations necessary to implement
4 the provisions of this act.

- 1 5. There is appropriated \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to
2 the Department of Human Services to effectuate the purpose of
3 this act. **Of this sum, no more than 10% shall be used by the*
4 *Department of Human Services for administrative costs.**
- 1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

EDUCATION—GENERAL

Creates a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support child care for school-age children before and after normal school hours and appropriates \$500,000.00.

STATEMENT

This bill creates a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support the provision of child care for school-age children before and after normal school hours. Subject to the availability of funds, the Commissioner of Human Services may award grants to assist qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations which provide nonsectarian care to children in school buildings or other appropriate facilities approved by the commissioner.

Among other requirements, each grant applicant must describe the need for and nature of its proposed program and the experience and qualifications of its employees, present a tentative budget including a sliding-fee schedule, and provide evidence that the applicant will be able to use suitable facilities. The bill appropriates \$500,000.00.

EDUCATION—GENERAL

Creates a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support child care for school-age children before and after normal school hours and appropriates \$500,000.00.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1721

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 1986

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill.

This bill establishes a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support the provision of nonsectarian child care for school-age children before and after regular school hours. The care will be provided in public and nonpublic school buildings or other appropriate locations. Subject to the availability of funds, the Commissioner of Human Services may award grants to local school boards, qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations which provide nonsectarian care to children in school buildings or other facilities approved by the commissioner.

Each grant applicant must describe the need for and nature of its proposed program, specify the experience, qualifications and character of its employees, and present a tentative budget including a sliding-fee schedule based on a family's capacity to pay for services. In addition, the applicant shall provide evidence of suitable facilities for the program and a mechanism for involving the parents of school age children in the planning and implementation of the program.

The bill appropriates \$500,000.00 for the program, of which not more than 10% may be utilized by the Department of Human Services for administrative costs.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1721

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 1987

The Assembly Appropriations Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1721 (OCR).

Senate Bill No. 1721 (OCR) creates a program in the Department of Human Services to support the provision of child care before and after regular school hours for school children, since, due to the large increase of two-career families, many school-aged children are unsupervised from the time school ends until a parent returns home from work. Under the bill, the Commissioner of Human Services is required to establish a grant program to encourage and support nonsectarian child care through the awarding of grants to assist local school boards, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations proposing to offer such care.

As part of the application process, each grant applicant must describe the need for and nature of its proposed program, specify the experience and qualifications of its employees, present a tentative budget, including a sliding-fee schedule based on a family's ability to pay for services, and provide evidence that the applicant will be able to use suitable facilities. In addition, the applicant shall provide assurances that parents will be involved in the development and implementation of the program.

No more than 10% of the funds appropriated under the bill may be used for administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to effectuate the purposes of the act.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES
STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1721
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 2, 1986

The Senate Committee on Children's Services favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1721.

This bill creates a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support the provision of nonsectarian child care for school-age children before and after regular school hours. The care would be provided in public and nonpublic school buildings or other appropriate locations as approved by the Commissioner of Human Services. Subject to the availability of funds, the Commissioner of Human Services may award grants to local school boards, qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations which provide nonsectarian care to children in school buildings or other facilities approved by the commissioner.

As part of the application process, each grant applicant must describe the need for and nature of its proposed program, specify the experience and qualifications of its employees, present a tentative budget including a sliding-fee schedule based on a family's capacity to pay for services, and provide evidence that the applicant will be able to use suitable facilities. Finally, the bill provides for an appropriation of \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to fund the grant program.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1721

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1986

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee reported this bill favorably.

This bill establishes a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support the provision of nonsectarian child care for school-age children before and after regular school hours. The care will be provided in public and nonpublic school buildings or other appropriate locations as provided by the Commissioner of Human Services. Subject to the availability of funds, the Commissioner of Human Services may award grants to local school boards, qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations which provide nonsectarian care to children in school buildings or other facilities approved by the commissioner.

As part of the application process, each grant applicant must describe the need for and nature of its proposed program, specify the experience, qualifications and character of its employees, present a tentative budget including a sliding-fee schedule based on a family's capacity to pay for services, provide evidence that the applicant will be able to use suitable facilities, and provide assurances that parents of school-age children will be involved in the planning and implementation of the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill provides for a \$500,000.00 appropriation to the Department of Human Services, from the General Fund, for the child care grant program.

SENATE Floor Amendments
Proposed by Senator Lynch

to

SENATE Bill No. 1721
Sponsored by Senator Gormley

Amend:

Page	Sec.	Line	
2	5	3	After "act." Insert "Of this sum, no more than 10% shall be used by the Department of Human Services for administrative costs."

STATEMENT

This bill creates a grant program in the Department of Human Services to encourage and support child care for school-age children before and after normal school hours and appropriates \$500,000.00.

This amendment provides that no more than 10% of the appropriated funds shall be used by the Department of Human Services for administrative costs.

ADOPTED

OCT 30 1986