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## Committee Bill No. 5003

LCO No. **5268** 

Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by: (KID)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, after the accounts for the General Fund have been closed and the Comptroller has determined the amount of unappropriated surplus, if any, in said fund, the amount of such surplus to a maximum of one hundred million dollars shall be transferred by the Treasurer to the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established pursuant to section 10-511 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

8 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, after the accounts for the 9 General Fund have been closed and the Comptroller has determined the 10 amount of unappropriated surplus, if any, in said fund, the amount of 11 such surplus to a maximum of one hundred million dollars shall be 12 transferred by the Treasurer to the Early Childhood Care and Education 13 Fund established pursuant to section 10-511 of the general statutes, as 14 amended by this act.

15 (c) Any amount transferred pursuant to this section shall be deducted

16 in determining the amount of unappropriated surplus to be transferred

17 to the Budget Reserve Fund pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-30a

18 of the general statutes.

19 Sec. 2. Section 10-511 of the general statutes is repealed and the 20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) There is established the Early Childhood Care and Education
Fund. Said fund may contain any moneys required or permitted by law
to be deposited in the fund and shall receive and hold all payments and
deposits for contributions intended for said fund, as well as gifts,
bequests, endowments or federal, state or local grants and any other
funds from any public or private source and all earnings until disbursed
in accordance with the provisions of this section.

28 (b) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall not constitute property 29 of the state and said fund shall not be construed to be a department, 30 institution or agency of the state. Amounts on deposit in said fund shall 31 not be commingled with state funds and the state shall have no claim to 32 or against, or any interest in, such deposits. Any contract entered into 33 by or any obligation of said fund shall not constitute a debt or obligation 34 of the state and the state shall have no obligation to any person on 35 account of said fund and all amounts obligated to be paid from said 36 fund shall be limited to amounts available for such obligation on deposit 37 in said fund. Said fund shall retain at the end of any fiscal year an 38 amount not less than ten per cent of any transfers or deposits in said 39 fund during such fiscal year. Said fund shall continue in existence as 40 long as it holds any deposits or has any obligations and until its 41 existence is terminated by law.

(c) The Treasurer shall invest the amounts on deposit in said fund in a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of said fund, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent person in similar circumstances with similar objectives. The Treasurer shall give due consideration to rate of return, risk, term or maturity, diversification of the total portfolio within said fund, liquidity, the projected 48 disbursements and expenditures and the expected payments, deposits, 49 contributions and gifts to be received. The Treasurer shall not require 50 said fund to invest directly in obligations of the state or any political 51 subdivision of the state or in any investment or other fund administered 52 by the Treasurer. The assets of said fund shall be continuously invested 53 and reinvested in a manner consistent with the objectives of said fund 54 until disbursed by the Comptroller in accordance with the provisions of 55 this section.

- (d) The Treasurer, on behalf of said fund and for purposes of saidfund, may:
- (1) Receive and invest moneys in said fund in any instruments,obligations, securities or property in accordance with this section;

60 (2) Enter into one or more contractual agreements, including
61 contracts for legal, actuarial, accounting, custodial, advisory,
62 management, administrative, advertising, marketing and consulting
63 services for said fund and pay for such services from the assets of said
64 fund;

(3) Procure insurance in connection with said fund's property, assets,activities or deposits to said fund;

67 (4) Apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from public or68 private sources to enable said fund to carry out its objectives;

69 (5) Adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 for purposes of70 this section;

71 (6) Sue and be sued;

72 (7) Establish one or more accounts within said fund; and

(8) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this
section and incidental to the duties imposed on the Treasurer pursuant
to this section.

76 (e) The amounts on deposit in said fund shall be used for the 77 purposes of supporting early childhood education in, and child care 78 needs of, the state, including expansion of the child care subsidy 79 program, established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this 80 act, salary increases for early childhood educators, subsidies for health 81 care plans for employees of early care and education programs, in 82 accordance with section 5 of this act, and providing administrative and 83 technical assistance for the implementation of the competitive grant 84 program to provide grants for capital expenses related to the 85 construction and renovation of early childhood education and child care 86 facilities established pursuant to section 8 of this act, and shall not be 87 expended for any other purpose.

88 Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Early 89 Childhood shall develop a report on the cost to increase provider 90 payment rates under the child care subsidy program, established 91 pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as amended by this 92 act, to cover the cost of care, as described in the Connecticut Narrow 93 Cost Analysis prepared for the Office of Early Childhood in June 2024, 94 (1) using the current registry salary levels noted within the analysis and 95 to provide bonuses of ten per cent to programs operating in a child care 96 desert, as determined by the office, and twenty-five per cent to 97 programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of 98 Young Children or the National Association for Family Child Care, and 99 (2) using the workforce compensation schedule mid-career levels noted 100 within the analysis and to provide bonuses of ten per cent to programs 101 operating in a child care desert, as determined by the office, and twenty-102 five per cent to programs accredited by the National Association for the 103 Education of Young Children or the National Association for Family 104 Child Care. Such report shall include a proposal for an implementation 105 plan and timeline that phases in such increased provider payment rates 106 over a five-year period, commencing in the fiscal year ending June 30, 107 2026.

108 (b) Not later than September 1, 2025, the commissioner shall submit 109 such report on its findings and recommendations to the Early 110 Childhood Care and Education Fund Advisory Commission, 111 established pursuant to section 10-511a of the general statutes, as 112 amended by this act, and the joint standing committees of the General 113 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education, 114 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations and the budgets of 115 state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the 116 general statutes.

Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 10-511a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

120 (c) The commission shall:

121 (1) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, submit a 122 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint 123 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of 124 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, 125 finance, revenue and bonding, education and children, on the financial 126 health and status of the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund, 127 including, but not limited to, (A) the amounts on deposit in said fund, 128 (B) disbursements made or expected to be made from said fund for the 129 applicable fiscal year, (C) the rates of return on investments made by the 130 Treasurer pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (D) a statement as to 131 the sufficiency of the amounts on deposit in said fund to achieve the 132 purposes of said fund, and (E) any recommendations for policy changes 133 and amendments to the general statutes necessary to further the 134 purposes of said fund, including recommendations for implementing 135 the findings in the report developed pursuant to section 3 of this act to 136 increase provider payment rates under the child care subsidy program, 137 established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act;

(2) Not later than January 1, 2026, submit a five-year plan, in
accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, finance,

142 revenue and bonding, education and children, of recommendations of 143 expenditures from said fund that would best support early childhood 144 education in, and child care needs of, the state. The commission shall, in 145 developing such plan, consider reports on (A) the state of [(A)] (i) early 146 childhood care and education in the state, and [(B)] (ii) kindergarten 147 readiness in the state, as well as best practices in other states, and (B) 148 increasing provider payment rates developed pursuant to section 3 of 149 this act under the child care subsidy program, established pursuant to 150 section 17b-749, as amended by this act. The commission shall update 151 such plan at least annually and submit such updated plan annually to 152 said committees; and

(3) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, hold a
public hearing annually on the state of the fund and of early childhood
education and child care in the state.

156 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Early care and education program" means a program providing
child care services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes,
that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood;

(2) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided in section38a-1080 of the general statutes; and

162 (3) "Partnership plan" has the same meaning as provided in section 3-163 123aaa of the general statutes.

164 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year 165 thereafter, the Comptroller shall establish a program to provide a 166 subsidy, within available appropriations, to an individual who (1) opens 167 a health savings account, pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal 168 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal 169 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, or is 170 eligible for Medicare and enrolls in a high deductible health plan, and 171 (2) is employed by an early care and education program. Such subsidy 172 shall be in an amount up to a certain percentage, as specified by the

173 Comptroller, of the deductible for the health plan in which such 174 individual is enrolled, minus the amount of any employer contributions 175 to a health savings account or health reimbursement account, and not 176 exceeding an amount specified by the Comptroller. No individual may 177 receive more than one subsidy in any fiscal year pursuant to this section. 178 The Comptroller may work with the provider of an early care and 179 education program that employs such individual to distribute such 180 subsidy.

181 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year 182 thereafter, the Comptroller shall establish a program to provide a 183 subsidy, from any funds appropriated for such purpose, to providers of early care and education programs that provide coverage to its 184 185 employees and their dependents under a health benefit plan or a partnership plan for such fiscal year or any portion thereof. Such 186 187 subsidy shall be (1) in an amount of not more than ten per cent of the 188 aggregate premium cost, inclusive of the employee and employer shares 189 of such cost, paid by such provider for coverage under such health 190 benefit plan or partnership plan, divided by the number of employees 191 of such provider who are enrolled in health coverage, and (2) used to 192 offset the employee's share of such premium cost that is deducted from 193 the payroll check of each employee of such provider during any pay 194 period during such fiscal year. The provisions of this subsection shall 195 not apply to any early care and education program provider that 196 provides coverage under a high deductible health plan, as such term is 197 described in subsection (f) of section 38a-520 of the general statutes.

198 (d) The Comptroller and the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund Advisory Commission, established pursuant to section 10-511a of 199 200 the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall enter into a 201 memorandum of understanding, in accordance with the provisions of 202 section 4-97b of the general statutes, to allow the Comptroller to utilize 203 the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ that is appropriated to the Early Childhood Care and 204 Education Fund, established pursuant to section 10-511 of the general 205 statutes, as amended by this act, to implement the provisions of this 206 section.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 209 2025):

210 (b) The commissioner shall establish income standards for applicants 211 and recipients at a level to include a family with gross income up to 212 [fifty] <u>eighty-five</u> per cent of the state-wide median income, except the 213 commissioner: (1) May increase the income level up to the maximum 214 level allowed under federal law, (2) upon the request of the 215 Commissioner of Children and Families, may waive the income 216 standards for adoptive families so that children adopted on or after 217 October 1, 1999, from the Department of Children and Families are 218 eligible for the child care subsidy program, [and] (3) shall establish a 219 two-tiered income eligibility threshold in accordance with 45 CFR 220 98.21(b), as amended from time to time, and (4) shall permit recipients 221 whose gross income subsequently exceeds eighty-five per cent of the 222 state-wide median income to continue to receive prorated benefits until 223 such recipients' gross income meets or exceeds one hundred per cent of 224 the state median income. The commissioner may adopt regulations in 225 accordance with chapter 54 to establish income criteria and durational 226 requirements for such waiver of income standards.

227 Sec. 7. (Effective July 1, 2025) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, 228 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Early Childhood 229 shall exempt from the family fee requirement of the child care subsidy 230 program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, 231 as amended by this act, any person or family who is (1) an active 232 participant in the child care subsidy program, and (2) employed by a 233 licensed early care and education program providing child care 234 services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Office of Early Childhood shall design and administer a competitive grant program to provide grants for capital expenses related to the construction and renovation of early childhood education and child care facilities. An operator of an early care and education program that provides child care services, as
described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, may submit an
application for a grant to the office, in accordance with the provisions of
subsection (b) of this section.

244 (b) On and after July 1, 2025, an operator of an early care and 245 education program may apply, at such time and in such manner as the 246 commissioner prescribes, to the office for a capital grant for the purposes 247 described in subsection (a) of this section. To be eligible to receive a 248 grant under this section, an applicant operator shall (1) demonstrate that 249 it has a need for constructing a new or renovating an existing child care 250 facility, using information requested by the commissioner on a form 251 prescribed by the commissioner, and (2) submit a plan for the 252 expenditure of grant funds received under this section that outlines how 253 such operator will use such funds, including, but not limited to, how the 254 construction or renovation of the child care facility may increase access 255 to child care for families in the community. The commissioner shall give 256 priority to those operators that demonstrate the greatest need for the 257 construction or renovation of a child care facility.

(c) Each operator of an early care and education program receiving a
grant under this section shall submit an annual report, on a form and in
a manner prescribed by the commissioner, to the Office of Early
Childhood regarding the enrollment and operation of the early care and
education program.

(d) The commissioner may contract with nongovernmental entities,
including, but not limited to, nonprofit organizations, lending
institutions and technical assistance providers, to carry out the
provisions of this section.

Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) There is established an account to be known as the "early care and education program competitive capital grant account" which shall be a capital projects fund. The account shall contain the amounts authorized by the State Bond Commission in accordance with section 10 of this act and any other moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be
expended by the Office of Early Childhood for the purposes of the
competitive grant program established pursuant to section 8 of this act.

275 Sec. 10. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2025) (a) For the purposes described 276 in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have 277 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the 278 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in 279 the aggregate one hundred million dollars, provided twenty million 280 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2025, twenty 281 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2026, 282 twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 283 2027, twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 284 1, 2028, and twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be 285 effective July 1, 2029. The amount authorized for the issuance and sale 286 of such bonds in each of the following fiscal years shall not exceed the 287 corresponding amount for each such fiscal year, provided, to the extent 288 the Office of Early Childhood does not provide for the use of all or a 289 portion of such amount in any such fiscal year, such amount not 290 provided for shall be carried forward and added to the authorized 291 amount for the next succeeding fiscal year, and provided further, the 292 costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any, may be added to the 293 capped amount in each fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts 294 shall be effective on July first of the fiscal year indicated.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of Early
Childhood for the purposes of the competitive grant program
established pursuant to section 8 of this act.

(c) The State Bond Commission shall approve a memorandum of
understanding between the Commissioner of Early Childhood and the
state, acting by and through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
Management and the Treasurer, providing for the issuance of said
bonds for the purposes of the competitive grant program established
pursuant to section 8 of this act, including provisions regarding the

305 extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or 306 thereafter to be made available for costs should be added to the proceeds 307 of the bonds authorized pursuant to this section for such project or 308 program. The memorandum of understanding shall be deemed to 309 satisfy the provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes and the 310 exercise of any right or power granted thereby that is not inconsistent 311 with the provisions of this section.

312 (d) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the 313 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not 314 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and 315 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission 316 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the 317 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may 318 be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time 319 renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 320 twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or 321 pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission 322 authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except 323 upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed 324 with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf 325 of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such 326 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. 327 Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations 328 of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are 329 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds 330 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts 331 332 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby 333 made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as 334 the same become due.

Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Office of Early Childhood shall develop and administer a system of presumptive eligibility for applicants to the child care subsidy program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as

amended by this act. Such system shall (1) include a screening tool that 339 340 will permit applicants to determine presumptive eligibility under the 341 child care subsidy program, (2) provide applicants who have been 342 determined to be presumptively eligible for the child care subsidy 343 program to receive services for a sixty-day trial period, (3) require 344 applicants who receive services under such sixty-day trial period to complete the full application for participation in the child care subsidy 345 346 program in order to continue to be eligible, and (4) require the office to 347 make a final eligibility determination for such applicant prior to the 348 expiration of such sixty-day trial period.

Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2025, the Office of Early Childhood shall implement a prospective payment system for the child care subsidy program, established pursuant to section 17b-749 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in accordance with federal law.

Sec. 13. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 17b-749 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

357 (f) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care services for 358 359 recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such services until 360 informed by the office of the recipient's ineligibility. For the fiscal year 361 ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall (1) limit the total amount of payments under this section to any 362 363 provider that operates, directly or through an affiliate, more than ten 364 child care centers, as described in section 19a-77, to not more than one 365 per cent of the total appropriation under this section for that fiscal year, 366 unless the commissioner determines that making payments to such 367 provider in an amount greater than one per cent of such total annual 368 appropriation is in the best interests of the state, and (2) require any such 369 provider to (A) demonstrate a willingness to enroll more children of 370 families who are recipients under the child care subsidy program at each 371 child care center location operated by such provider or its affiliate, and

372 (B) annually provide the office with an audited financial statement
373 detailing how payments received under this section have been
374 expended during that fiscal year.

375 (g) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt from 376 licensing shall provide the office with the following information in order 377 to maintain eligibility for reimbursement: (1) The name, address, 378 appropriate identification, Social Security number and telephone 379 number of the provider and all adults who work for or reside at the 380 location where care is provided; (2) the name and address of the child's 381 doctor, primary care provider and health insurance company; (3) 382 whether the child is immunized and has had health screens pursuant to 383 the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment 384 Services Program under 42 USC 1396d; [and] (4) the number of children 385 cared for by the provider; (5) the type of business entity of the provider; and (6) the names of all officers, directors and owners of the provider 386 387 or, in the case of an affiliate of the provider that is receiving payments under this section, the names of all officers, directors and owners of such 388 389 affiliate.

Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, each provider of child care services, as described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, shall annually submit to the Office of Early Childhood the tuition rates being charged to families during the fiscal year and the amount of any change in such tuition rates from the previous fiscal year.

(b) The Office of Early Childhood shall annually publish on its
Internet web site the information collected pursuant to subsection (a) of
this section regarding tuition rates and changes in tuition amounts.

Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall enter into a data sharing agreement with the Children's Funding Project for the purpose of the creation of a fiscal map that shows a comprehensive view of state funding and spending for children in the state. The commissioner shall 404 not be required to enter into such agreement under this section if the405 Children's Funding Project requires a direct fee for its services.

406 Sec. 16. (Effective from passage) The Office of Early Childhood, in 407 collaboration with the Insurance Department and the Attorney General, 408 shall conduct a joint study regarding the prevalence, appropriateness 409 and affordability of liability insurance for child care centers and family 410 child care homes, as such terms are described in section 19a-77 of the 411 general statutes. Such joint study shall include, but need not be limited 412 to, an assessment of the factors that have given rise to increasing liability 413 insurance costs. Not later than January 1, 2026, the office shall submit a 414 report on the findings of such joint study, and any recommendations, to 415 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having 416 cognizance of matters relating to children, education and insurance, in 417 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

418 Sec. 17. (Effective from passage) The Office of Early Childhood shall 419 conduct a study concerning the prevalence of men in the child care and 420 early childhood education workforce. Such study shall include, but 421 need not be limited to, an analysis of the factors affecting and reasons 422 why so few men are employed in child care or early childhood 423 education and recommendations for ways to increase the representation 424 of men in such fields. Not later than January 1, 2026, the office shall 425 submit a report on the findings of such study, and any 426 recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the General 427 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education 428 and labor, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the 429 general statutes.

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, shall develop a report on background checks for early childhood educators. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an examination of (A) the average processing time for background checks for early childhood educators, (B) strategies to improve the speed at which background checks are processed, and (C) strategies to 437 improve the convenience and ease with which early childhood 438 educators are able to be fingerprinted and to submit background check 439 materials for processing, and (2) an assessment of whether it is possible 440 for an early childhood educator to share his or her fingerprint and 441 background check results with multiple prospective employers. Not 442 later than January 1, 2026, the office shall submit a report on its findings, 443 and any recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the 444 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, 445 education and public safety, in accordance with the provisions of section 446 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	10-511
Sec. 3	from passage	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2025	10-511a(c)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 6	July 1, 2025	17b-749(b)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 12	from passage	New section
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	17b-749(f) and (g)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 15	from passage	New section
Sec. 16	from passage	New section
Sec. 17	from passage	New section
Sec. 18	from passage	New section

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