

HB 2015

Relating to child care

HB 2015 includes program changes for the Employment Related Day Care program that align with federal requirements and funding built into the Department of Human Services' budget. Changes include protecting eligibility for 12 months, allowing working student parents to access ERDC to cover both work and school hours, restoring eligibility for self-employed parents, promoting higher quality care by offering lower co-pays and provider incentives. The bill also supports on-site inspections and development of quality supports for license-exempt providers who care for subsidy children.

The bill has a direct fiscal impact of \$15 million General Fund, \$1.9 million Federal Funds, and 20 positions (12.27 FTE). The associated budget adjustments are reflected in the LFO budget recommendations for DHS Self Sufficiency and the Office of Child Care within the Department of Education.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2015 be reported out do pass.