

# House Bill 2015

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK, Senator STEINER HAYWARD (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services, in consultation with Early Learning Division and Office of Child Care, to adopt rules for subsidy programs for employment-related child care that, at minimum, provide for one year of eligibility regardless of change in employment, permit students enrolled in coursework and self-employed persons to receive subsidized employment-related child care, and provide for reduced copayments and incentive payments when child care provider meets specified minimum standards under tiered quality rating and improvement system.

Permits Office of Child Care to perform inspections of premises of family child care providers when required under federal law.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to child care.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Early Learning**  
5 **Division and the Office of Child Care, shall adopt rules for the operation of subsidy programs**  
6 **for employment-related child care administered by the department. At a minimum, and tak-**  
7 **ing into account the availability of funds, the rules must provide the following:**

8 (1) Subsidy recipients may be entitled to receive the subsidy for at least one year, re-  
9 gardless of changes in employment. Rules adopted by the department may provide for ter-  
10 mination of subsidy eligibility for reasons other than changes in employment during the  
11 one-year period.

12 (2) Subsidy recipients who are enrolled in coursework, as defined by the department by  
13 rule, may be entitled to receive the subsidy to enable the subsidy recipient to attend and  
14 participate in the coursework provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

15 (3) Persons who are self-employed may qualify for subsidy programs provided all other  
16 eligibility requirements are met.

17 (4) Subsidy recipients who voluntarily choose child care providers that meet minimum  
18 standards established under the tiered quality rating and improvement system implemented  
19 under ORS 329A.261 may qualify for lower copayments. A fair representation of the subsidy  
20 recipients who qualify for lower copayments must be persons with children who are from  
21 underserved racial, ethnic or minority populations. In addition, child care providers that  
22 meet specified minimum standards established under the tiered quality rating and improve-  
23 ment system may receive an enhanced reimbursement under the subsidy programs.

24 (5) Subsidy recipients must report a change of child care provider to the department  
25 during the period a subsidy is being received.

26 **SECTION 2. (1) The Office of Child Care may visit and conduct on-site inspections of the**  
27 **premises of a family child care provider as defined in ORS 329A.430 whenever such in-**  
28 **spections are required under federal law. The inspections may be conducted at any reason-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 able time and shall be limited to making a determination as to whether the requirements of  
2 applicable federal law have been met.

3 (2) The Office of Child Care may, as a condition of finalizing the inspection, require im-  
4 provements, corrections or other measures to ensure that the family child care provider  
5 complies with the requirements of federal law for family child care providers.

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