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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.

Authorizes Office of Child Care to maintain information about child care facilities and providers through electronic records systems. Authorizes office to share information with other public entities when sharing information would support health or safety of children in child care.

Directs office [of Child Care] to maintain website that provides information regarding certified and registered child care facilities and regulated subsidy facilities.

[Authorizes office to maintain information in Central Background Registry through electronic records systems.]

Authorizes office to receive and investigate complaints regarding certified or registered child care facilities, regulated subsidy facilities, preschool recorded programs or school-age recorded programs. Authorizes office to share information **regarding investigations or inspections** with other public entities when sharing information would support health or safety of children in child care.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child care information maintained by the Office of Child Care; amending ORS 329A.010,
3 329A.020, 329A.310, 329A.390 and 329A.992.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 329A.010 is amended to read:

6 329A.010. (1) There is established within the Early Learning Division the Office of Child Care.

7 (2)(a) The Office of Child Care, as designated by the Governor, shall be responsible for admin-
8 istering funds received by the State of Oregon pursuant to the federal Child Care and Development
9 Block Grant Act of [1990] **2014**, the [*Dependent Care Planning and Development Grant*] **Child Care**
10 **and Development Fund** and other federal child care funds and grants received by the State of
11 Oregon.

12 (b) Through the legislative budgeting process, the Legislative Assembly shall identify the portion
13 of the funds received by the State of Oregon pursuant to the federal Child Care and Development
14 Block Grant Act of [1990] **2014** to be spent to provide quality child care, to provide child care sub-
15 sidies and for administrative expenditures. The Office of Child Care shall administer the funds ac-
16 cording to the portions identified by the Legislative Assembly.

17 (c) The Office of Child Care shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Fiscal Office re-
18 garding the expenditures of the funds received by the State of Oregon pursuant to the federal Child
19 Care and Development Block Grant Act of [1990] **2014** and the most recent estimate of the balance
20 of the funds.

21 (3) The Office of Child Care shall comply with directives of the Early Learning Council estab-

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 lished in ORS 326.425 in the office's implementation of the provisions of ORS 329A.250 to 329A.450.

2 **(4) The Office of Child Care may maintain information about child care facilities and**
3 **providers through electronic records systems.**

4 **(5) The Office of Child Care may share information with other public entities when the**
5 **office determines that sharing the information would support the health or safety of children**
6 **in child care, except as otherwise prohibited by state or federal law.**

7 [(4)] **(6)** There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund,
8 the Child Care Fund. The Child Care Fund shall consist of moneys collected and received by the
9 Office of Child Care pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, ORS 329A.310 and 329A.992 and such
10 moneys as may be otherwise made available by law. Interest earned on the fund shall be credited
11 to the fund. The moneys in the Child Care Fund are appropriated continuously to the Office of Child
12 Care and shall be used in a manner consistent with the grant of funds or for the administration of
13 ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.

14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 329A.020 is amended to read:

15 329A.020. (1) The Office of Child Care staff shall provide technical assistance, linkage of local
16 agencies, data collection and monitoring.

17 (2) The Office of Child Care shall continually monitor and disseminate information about federal
18 and charitable programs for the purposes of ORS 329A.100 to 329A.190.

19 **(3) The Office of Child Care shall maintain a website that provides information regarding**
20 **certified and registered child care facilities and regulated subsidy facilities as that term is**
21 **defined by rule adopted by the Early Learning Council.**

22 **(4) The Early Learning Council, in consultation with the Office of Child Care, shall adopt**
23 **rules to implement the provisions of this section.**

24 **SECTION 3.** ORS 329A.390 is amended to read:

25 329A.390. (1) Whenever an authorized representative of the Office of Child Care is advised or
26 has reason to believe that child care that is subject to regulation by the office is being provided
27 without a certification, registration or record, the authorized representative may visit and conduct
28 an on-site investigation of the premises of the facility at any reasonable time to determine whether
29 the facility is subject to the requirements of ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.

30 (2) At any reasonable time, an authorized representative of the Office of Child Care may conduct
31 an on-site investigation of the premises of any certified or registered child care facility to determine
32 whether the child care facility is in conformity with ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and 329A.250 to
33 329A.450 and the rules promulgated pursuant to ORS 181A.195, 181A.200, 181A.215, 329A.030 and
34 329A.250 to 329A.450.

35 (3) An authorized representative of the Office of Child Care shall conduct an on-site investi-
36 gation of the premises of any certified or registered child care facility or of any other child care
37 facility that is subject to regulation by the office if the office receives a serious complaint about the
38 child care facility. *[The Early Learning Council, by rule, shall adopt a definition for "serious com-*
39 *plaint."]*

40 **(4) Complaints, including but not limited to serious complaints, made by individuals or**
41 **entities regarding certified or registered child care facilities, regulated subsidy facilities,**
42 **preschool recorded programs or school-age recorded programs may be received and investi-**
43 **gated by the Office of Child Care. The name, address and other identifying information about**
44 **the individual or entity that made the complaint may not be disclosed.**

45 [(4)] **(5)** Any state agency that receives a complaint about a certified or registered child care

1 facility, **a regulated subsidy facility**, a preschool recorded program or a school-age recorded pro-
2 gram shall notify the Office of Child Care about the complaint and any subsequent action taken by
3 the state agency based on that complaint.

4 [(5)] (6) [The] A director [and] or operator of a child care facility, **a regulated subsidy facility**,
5 a preschool recorded program or a school-age recorded program shall permit an authorized repre-
6 sentative of the Office of Child Care to inspect records of the facility or program and shall furnish
7 promptly reports and information required by the office.

8 (7) **The Office of Child Care may share information regarding investigations or in-**
9 **spections conducted under this section with other public entities when the office determines**
10 **that sharing the information would support the health or safety of children in child care.**

11 (8) **The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules defining the terms “serious complaint”**
12 **and “regulated subsidy facility” as used in this section and ORS 329A.020.**

13 **SECTION 4.** ORS 329A.310 is amended to read:

14 329A.310. (1) Application for a certification or for the annual renewal thereof shall be made to
15 the Office of Child Care on forms provided by the office and accompanied by a nonrefundable fee.
16 The fee shall vary according to the type of facility and the number of children for which the facility
17 is requesting to be certified, and shall be determined and applied through rules adopted by the Early
18 Learning Council pursuant to ORS 329A.275.

19 (2) All fees received under subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited in the Child Care
20 Fund established under ORS 329A.010 [(4)] and may be used for the administration of ORS 181A.200,
21 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.

22 (3) Any certification issued pursuant to ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450 authorizes op-
23 eration of the facility only on the premises described in the certification and only by the person
24 named in the certification.

25 (4) Unless sooner revoked, a temporary certification expires on the date specified therein. Un-
26 less sooner revoked and except as provided in ORS 329A.270 (2), an annual certification expires one
27 year from the date of issuance.

28 **SECTION 5.** ORS 329A.992 is amended to read:

29 329A.992. (1) In addition to any other provision of law or rule adopted pursuant to ORS 329A.260
30 for enforcement of the provisions of ORS chapter 329A, the Office of Child Care may suspend or
31 revoke a certification or registration issued under ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450, or im-
32 pose a civil penalty in the manner provided in ORS 183.745, for violation of:

33 (a) Any of the provisions of ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450;

34 (b) The terms and conditions of a certification or registration issued under ORS 329A.030 and
35 329A.250 to 329A.450; or

36 (c) Any rule of the Early Learning Council adopted under ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to
37 329A.450.

38 (2) The Early Learning Council shall adopt by rule a schedule establishing the civil penalties
39 that may be imposed under this section. The schedule must provide for categories of violations for
40 which a penalty may be imposed, including “nonserious” and “serious” to be defined by the council
41 by rule under ORS 329A.260.

42 (3) The office must issue a written warning for a nonserious or serious violation before assessing
43 a civil penalty under this section. The written warning must prescribe a reasonable time in which
44 to correct a violation.

45 (4) The office may not impose a civil penalty of more than \$100 for a first violation.

1 (5) The office may not impose a civil penalty for a subsequent violation that exceeds the penalty
2 imposed for the previous violation by more than \$100. Penalties imposed under this subsection may
3 not exceed \$500 per violation, or \$1,000 total for multiple violations per quarter.

4 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the maximum civil penalty that may be
5 imposed:

6 (a) For violation of ORS 329A.330 by a registered family child care home provider is \$100.

7 (b) For violation of ORS 329A.280 by an operator of a child care facility that is not a child care
8 center is \$200.

9 (c) For violation of ORS 329A.280 by an operator of a child care facility that is a child care
10 center is \$500.

11 (7) A civil penalty imposed under this section may be remitted or reduced upon such terms and
12 conditions as the office considers proper and consistent with the public health and safety.

13 (8) All moneys received under this section shall be deposited in the Child Care Fund established
14 under ORS 329A.010 [(4)] and may be used for the administration of ORS 181A.200, 329A.030 and
15 329A.250 to 329A.450.

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