

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2985

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

April 24

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line and
2 delete line 3 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 27 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Employment-Related Child Care is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of 20 members appointed as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint 18 members as follows:**

11 **“(A) One member who represents the Early Learning Division and who has expertise in**
12 **the registration and certification of child care providers;**

13 **“(B) One member who represents the Department of Human Services and who has ex-**
14 **pertise regarding the implementation of employment-related child care;**

15 **“(C) One member who is an advocate for family support and connections;**

16 **“(D) One member who is an advocate for the rights of children;**

17 **“(E) One member who is an advocate for child care assistance and who has policymaking**
18 **expertise in the area of subsidized child care;**

19 **“(F) Two members who are advocates for cultural competency and racial justice;**

20 **“(G) One member who represents child care facilities that have been certified under ORS**
21 **329A.280 by the Office of Child Care;**

22 **“(H) One member who represents family child care providers who operate a family child**
23 **care home that is certified under ORS 329A.280;**

24 **“(I) One member who represents family child care providers who operate a family child**
25 **care home that is registered under ORS 329A.330;**

26 **“(J) One member who represents providers who receive subsidy payments for child care;**

27 **“(K) One member who represents a federally funded Head Start program;**

28 **“(L) Three members who are parents and who receive subsidies for employment-related**
29 **child care; and**

30 **“(M) Three members who represent Early Learning Hubs from three different regions.**

31 **“(3) The task force shall:**

32 **“(a) Conduct a study on improving access to, and the availability of, subsidies for**
33 **employment-related child care; and**

34 **“(b) Develop a plan to expand access to employment-related child care opportunities for**
35 **eligible families by:**

1 “(A) Supporting child care providers and providing assistance in understanding health
2 and safety regulations;

3 “(B) Providing information regarding opportunities for the professional development of
4 child care providers;

5 “(C) Supporting child care providers who are paid by and families who are enrolled in the
6 employment-related child care program;

7 “(D) Recruiting additional child care providers to meet the need for access to child care;

8 “(E) Implementing program enhancements to better meet the needs of families, including
9 expanding child care access to individuals who are seeking work and to students; and

10 “(F) Improving outreach to families who may be eligible for employment-related child
11 care.

12 “(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
13 transaction of business.

14 “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
15 members of the task force.

16 “(6) The task force shall elect two of its voting members to serve as cochaIRS.

17 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
18 ment to become immediately effective.

19 “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the cochaIRS
20 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

21 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

22 “(10) The task force shall:

23 “(a) Prepare and submit an initial report, including recommendations for legislation, to
24 the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than January 2,
25 2018. The report must include, but need not be limited to:

26 “(A) The results of the study conducted under subsection (3)(a) of this section; and

27 “(B) The plan developed under subsection (3)(b) of this section; and

28 “(b) Prepare and submit a second report, including recommendations for legislation, to
29 the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than January 2,
30 2019. The report must include, but need not be limited to, the costs associated with:

31 “(A) Expanding access to the employment-related child care program for families whose
32 household incomes, at the time of eligibility, do not exceed:

33 “(i) 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

34 “(ii) 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

35 “(iii) 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

36 “(iv) 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

37 “(B) Increasing the number of providers who are registered or certified to provide child
38 care.

39 “(11) The Department of Education and the Department of Human Services shall provide
40 staff support to the task force.

41 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
42 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

43 “(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
44 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the
45 task force.

1 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
2 the task force in the performance of the task force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by
3 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
4 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

5 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

6 “SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.”

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