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House Bill 3068

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to family supports; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329A.100, 329A.110, 329A.120, 329A.130 and 329A.340; and repealing ORS 329A.140, 329A.150, 329A.160, 329A.170, 329A.180 and 329A.190.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 329A.140, 329A.150, 329A.160, 329A.170, 329A.180 and 329A.190 are repealed.

SECTION 2. ORS 329A.100 is amended to read:

329A.100. As used in ORS 329A.100 to 329A.190, “resource and referral [*agencies*] **system**” means [*agencies with programs that*] **a statewide network of entities funded by the state to:**

(1) Provide information to parents[, *including referrals and coordination of community resources for parents and public or private providers of child care.*] **and guardians;**

(2) **Provide training and technical assistance to existing and prospective child care providers; or**

(3) **Recruit qualified individuals to meet the child care needs of a community.**

SECTION 3. ORS 329A.110 is amended to read:

329A.110. The Legislative Assembly believes that[:]

[(1) *Child care*] **a resource and referral [*programs*] **system**** involving a statewide network of local resource and referral [*agencies*] **entities** coordinated centrally [*are*] **is essential to long-range solutions to meet the child care [*crisis*] **needs of communities in this state.**** Services may be both public and private ventures[, *which*] **designed to meet the needs of diverse communities.** [*audiences including, but not limited to:*]

[(a) *Parents for consumer education to find, select and maintain quality child care;*]

[(b) *Providers for access to training and consultation;*]

[(c) *Employers for cost-effective solutions to meet the needs of their workforce;*]

[(d) *Communities to plan effectively for improvements to the system; and*]

[(e) *The state for the need of a productive workforce.*]

[(2) *The state has an essential role in solving the child care crisis by becoming a stable partner with parents, local communities, employers and private contributors in developing solid child care resource and referral agencies for all citizens.*]

SECTION 4. ORS 329A.120 is amended to read:

329A.120. [*Services offered by resource and referral agencies shall include but are not limited to assistance for:*]

[(1) *Parents in locating available and appropriate child care, including counseling on how to choose a quality arrangement and sources of subsidies for low income families;*]

- [(2) Parents in locating child care during nontraditional work hours;]
- [(3) Parents of children with disabilities in locating available and appropriate child care and respite care services;]
- [(4) Parents in locating child care for ill children;]
- [(5) Providers of child care programs in acquiring clients for their services;]
- [(6) Providers of child care programs in upgrading the quality of services offered and business operation;]
- [(7) Communities in assessing and recruiting for underserved needs; and]
- [(8) Employers in providing assistance to employees in locating or providing child care.]

(1) The Office of Child Care shall implement the resource and referral system.

(2) Resource and referral entities must provide services including, but not limited to:

(a) Training and technical assistance for existing and potential child care providers that includes, but is not limited to, coaching, mentoring, consulting and advising on professional development;

(b) Referrals for parents or guardians seeking child care providers; and

(c) Recruitment of qualified individuals to meet the child care needs of a community.

SECTION 5. ORS 329A.130 is amended to read:

329A.130. *[Each resource and referral agency shall establish a referral process, maintain a record file of existing child care facilities in the designated area, maintain documentation of requests, provide consultation to parents and provide technical assistance to providers of child care.]* **A resource and referral entity must match funds in an amount not less than 10 percent of the public funds received by the resource and referral entity. The Office of Child Care shall establish allowable sources of funds to meet the match requirement under this section.**

SECTION 6. ORS 329A.340 is amended to read:

329A.340. (1) A child care provider not subject to certification or registration who begins providing child care services after June 30, 2010, and who receives funds from the Department of Human Services shall attend an orientation provided by the department or a resource and referral *[agency]* **entity** under ORS 329A.100 to 329A.190 within 90 days of being approved by the department to receive funds for child care services from the department.

(2) The orientation required by subsection (1) of this section must provide information regarding financial resources and reimbursements available through private or public sources and information to maximize the likelihood of provider payments and reimbursements for child care services.

(3) The department shall ensure that at least one orientation required by subsection (1) of this section is offered in each department service delivery area every quarter.

(4) A child care provider described in subsection (1) of this section who ceases to provide child care services for a period of one year or more must attend an orientation under this section within 90 days of being approved by the department to receive funds for child care services from the department.

(5) The orientation required by subsection (1) of this section must be provided at minimal or no cost to the child care provider.

(6) The orientation required by subsection (1) of this section must include, but need not be limited to, information about the following:

- (a) Department of Human Services listings, vouchers and payments;
- (b) Child care provider rights and responsibilities;
- (c) Enhanced rate training options;
- (d) Food program resources available through the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- (e) Other resources available to child care providers.

SECTION 7. Section 8 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 329A.100 to 329A.190.

SECTION 8. (1) The Office of Child Care shall implement federal requirements for the resource and referral system.

(2) The office shall establish criteria for proposals, prepare requests for proposals, receive proposals and award grants or enter into agreements for the establishment of resource and referral entities.

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