

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS (at the request of Eva Rippeteau)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2985**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line and 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**
5 **is established.**

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

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

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

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

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

15 **“(B) One member who represents the Department of Human Ser-**
16 **vices and who has expertise regarding the implementation of**
17 **employment-related child care;**

18 **“(C) One member who is an advocate for family support and con-**
19 **nections;**

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

21 **“(E) One member who is an advocate for child care assistance and**

1 **who has policymaking expertise in the area of subsidized child care;**
2 **“(F) Two members who are advocates for cultural competency and**
3 **racial justice;**
4 **“(G) One member who represents child care facilities that have**
5 **been certified under ORS 329A.280 by the Office of Child Care;**
6 **“(H) One member who represents family child care providers who**
7 **operate a family child care home that is certified under ORS 329A.280;**
8 **“(I) One member who represents family child care providers who**
9 **operate a family child care home that is registered under ORS**
10 **329A.330;**
11 **“(J) One member who represents providers who receive subsidy**
12 **payments for child care;**
13 **“(K) One member who represents a federally funded Head Start**
14 **program;**
15 **“(L) Three members who are parents and who receive subsidies for**
16 **employment-related child care; and**
17 **“(M) Three members who represent Early Learning Hubs from three**
18 **different regions.**
19 **“(3) The task force shall:**
20 **“(a) Conduct a study on improving access to, and the availability**
21 **of, subsidies for employment-related child care; and**
22 **“(b) Develop a plan to expand access to employment-related child**
23 **care opportunities for eligible families by:**
24 **“(A) Supporting child care providers and providing assistance in**
25 **understanding health and safety regulations;**
26 **“(B) Providing information regarding opportunities for the profes-**
27 **sional development of child care providers;**
28 **“(C) Supporting child care providers who are paid by and families**
29 **who are enrolled in the employment-related child care program;**
30 **“(D) Recruiting additional child care providers to meet the need for**

1 access to child care;

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

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

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

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

11 “(6) The task force shall elect two of its voting members to serve
12 as cochairs.

13 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
14 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

15 “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
16 call of the cochairs or of a majority of the voting members of the task
17 force.

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

20 “(10) The task force shall:

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

25 “(A) The results of the study conducted under subsection (3)(a) of
26 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 recommen-
29 dations for legislation, to the Legislative Assembly in the manner
30 provided by ORS 192.245 no later than January 2, 2019. The report

1 **must include, but need not be limited to, the costs associated with:**

2 **“(A) Expanding access to the employment-related child care pro-**
3 **gram for families whose household incomes, at the time of eligibility,**
4 **do not exceed:**

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

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

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

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

9 **“(B) Increasing the number of providers who are registered or cer-**
10 **tified to provide child care.**

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

13 **“(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**
14 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**
15 **visory capacity only.**

16 **“(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-**
17 **islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement**
18 **for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

24 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2,**
25 **2020.**

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

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