

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2024

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:
2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**
3 **“(a) ‘Local entity’ includes:**
4 **“(A) An Early Learning Hub designated under ORS 417.827;**
5 **“(B) A resource and referral entity;**
6 **“(C) An education service district;**
7 **“(D) A federal Head Start program;**
8 **“(E) A community-based organization; or**
9 **“(F) Any entity identified by the Early Learning Division.**
10 **“(b) ‘Provider’ means a provider of infant and toddler care.**
11 **“(c) ‘Resource and referral entity’ means a resource and referral entity established under**
12 **ORS 329A.100 to 329A.135.**
13 **“(2) The Early Learning Division shall administer an infant and toddler care program to**
14 **improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families whose incomes, at the**
15 **time of enrollment, are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.**
16 **“(3)(a) Each biennium, each Early Learning Hub, in consultation with resource and re-**
17 **ferred entities, shall complete a community plan. The plan must include the following for the**
18 **region served by the Early Learning Hub:**
19 **“(A) Identification of priority populations of children and families to enroll in the pro-**
20 **gram;**
21 **“(B) Assessment of the availability of high-quality infant and toddler care;**
22 **“(C) Identification of existing providers and opportunities to increase the number and**
23 **enrollment capacity of providers;**
24 **“(D) Prioritization of local entities to serve as providers based on community need and**
25 **enrollment capacity;**
26 **“(E) Identification of local entities to serve as fiscal agents for multiple providers;**
27 **“(F) Identification of methods for increasing the enrollment capacity of providers and for**
28 **providing professional development to providers; and**
29 **“(G) Identification of other services related to infant and toddler care.**
30 **“(b) After completing a community plan described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, an**
31 **Early Learning Hub shall submit the plan to the Early Learning Division for approval based**
32 **on rules adopted by the Early Learning Council.**
33 **“(4)(a) The Early Learning Division shall contract with resource and referral entities to**
34 **recruit eligible providers to participate in the infant and toddler care program established**
35 **under this section.**

1 **“(b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a provider must demonstrate a com-**
2 **mitment and ability to:**

3 **“(A) Address the needs identified in the community plan approved by the Early Learning**
4 **Division under subsection (3) of this section;**

5 **“(B) Provide care to infants and toddlers;**

6 **“(C) Serve families whose incomes, at the time of enrollment, are at or below 200 percent**
7 **of the federal poverty guidelines; and**

8 **“(D) Serve families who otherwise meet criteria established by the Early Learning**
9 **Council by rule.**

10 **“(5)(a) The Early Learning Division shall identify a local entity within each Early Learn-**
11 **ing Hub region that shall be responsible for awarding grants and contracts to providers who**
12 **meet the eligibility criteria established under subsection (4) of this section.**

13 **“(b) Before a provider may be awarded a grant or contract under this section, the pro-**
14 **vider must agree to participate in any quality improvement and professional development**
15 **activities necessary to meet the standards established by the Early Learning Division.**

16 **“(6) Resource and referral entities shall:**

17 **“(a) In consultation with each provider awarded a grant or contract under this section,**
18 **develop a quality improvement and professional development plan for the provider; and**

19 **“(b) Provide coaching and other professional development services necessary to execute**
20 **the plan developed under this subsection.”.**

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