

House Bill 2024

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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 **as introduced**.

Directs Early Learning Division to establish program to improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families that are eligible to receive employment-related child care subsidy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to early childhood care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "local entity" includes:**

5 **(a) An Early Learning Hub designated under ORS 417.827;**

6 **(b) A resource and referral entity established under ORS 329A.100 to 329A.135;**

7 **(c) An education service district;**

8 **(d) A federal Head Start program;**

9 **(e) A community-based organization; or**

10 **(f) Another entity identified by the Early Learning Division.**

11 **(2) The Early Learning Division shall administer an infant and toddler care program to**
12 **improve access to high quality infant and toddler care for families that are eligible to receive**
13 **an employment-related child care subsidy under ORS 329A.500.**

14 **(3)(a) Each Early Learning Hub shall conduct a community needs assessment to identify**
15 **the geographic areas or populations within the region served by the hub that have the**
16 **highest need for improved access to high quality infant and toddler care for families that are**
17 **eligible to receive an employment-related child care subsidy under ORS 329A.500.**

18 **(b) After conducting the community needs assessment described in paragraph (a) of this**
19 **subsection, each Early Learning Hub shall develop a community plan for addressing the**
20 **needs identified in the assessment and submit the plan to the Early Learning Division for**
21 **approval.**

22 **(4)(a) The Early Learning Division shall contract with resource and referral entities es-**
23 **tablished under ORS 329A.100 to 329A.135 to recruit eligible providers to participate in the**
24 **infant and toddler care program established under this section.**

25 **(b) To be eligible to participate, a provider must demonstrate a commitment and ability**
26 **to:**

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

29 **(B) Provide care to infants and toddlers; and**

30 **(C) Serve families that are eligible to receive an employment-related child care subsidy**
31 **under ORS 329A.500.**

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

4 **(b) Before a provider may be awarded a grant or contract under this section, the provider**
5 **must agree to participate in any quality improvement and professional development activities**
6 **necessary to meet the standards established by the Early Learning Division.**

7 **(6) Resource and referral entities shall:**

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

10 **(b) Provide coaching and other professional development services necessary to execute**
11 **the plan developed under this subsection.**

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