House Bill 3215
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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.

Establishes ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers. Prescribes duties of ombudsman.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Early Learning Division ombudsman.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning System Director, with the concurrence of the Governor, shall appoint an ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers. The ombudsman shall be under the supervision and control of the director and, with the concurrence of the Governor, the director may terminate the ombudsman.

(2) The ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers shall act as an impartial, independent advocate for early childhood care and education providers by:

(a) Providing guidance, education, resources and information to early childhood care and education providers;

(b) Providing dispute resolution services for matters related to early childhood care and education providers and involving the Early Learning Division, including accepting, investigating and assisting in the resolution of complaints; and

(c) Assisting early childhood care and education providers with issues of equity, including assisting with:

(A) Issues of inequity that may be experienced by underrepresented early childhood care and education providers; and

(B) Access to translated communications.

(3) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules governing the ombudsman, including:

(a) The role of the ombudsman in complaint referrals and dispute resolution;

(b) The development of a standardized process for receiving complaint referrals and for resolving disputes; and

(c) The identification of the types of complaints to be resolved by the ombudsman.

(4) An ombudsman appointed under this section must comply with the provisions of ORS 182.500.

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.

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