

# House Bill 3029

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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 Department of Early Learning and Care to establish and implement child care provider incentive program.

Establishes Child Care Provider Incentive Fund.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to child care provider incentive program; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329A.**

**SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Early Learning and Care shall establish and implement a child care provider incentive program for the purpose of assisting child care providers who commit to providing child care to the children of this state.**

**(2) The Early Learning Council shall prescribe by rule:**

**(a) Participant eligibility criteria, including the types of child care providers who may participate in the program;**

**(b) The terms and conditions of participation in the program, including the duration of the term of any service agreement, which must be at least 12 months;**

**(c) The types of incentives that may be provided, which may include:**

**(A) Loan repayment subsidies;**

**(B) Stipends;**

**(C) Scholarships for students in early childhood professional development; and**

**(D) Child care and housing assistance;**

**(d) The priority for the distribution of funds, if the funds allocated to the program from the Child Care Provider Incentive Fund established under section 3 of this 2023 Act are insufficient to provide assistance to all of the applicants who are eligible to participate in the program; and**

**(e) The financial penalties imposed on an individual who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of participation.**

**(3) The eligibility requirements adopted for the program by the council:**

**(a) Must allow providers to qualify for multiple child care provider incentives; and**

**(b) Must allow providers to qualify for an incentive for multiyear periods.**

**(4) The department may enter into contracts with one or more public or private entities to administer the child care provider incentive program or parts of the program.**

**(5) The department shall decide no later than September 1 of each academic year the**

**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 **distribution of funds for scholarships that will be provided in the next academic year.**

2 **(6) The department may receive gifts, grants or contributions from any source, whether**  
3 **public or private, to carry out the provisions of this section. Moneys received under this**  
4 **subsection shall be deposited in the Child Care Provider Incentive Fund established under**  
5 **section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3. The Child Care Provider Incentive Fund is established in the State Treasury,**  
7 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Child Care Provider**  
8 **Incentive Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys appropriated to**  
9 **the fund by the Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other moneys contributed to the**  
10 **fund by any source, whether public or private. Moneys in the fund are continuously appro-**  
11 **priated to the Department of Early Learning and Care to carry out section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

12 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
13 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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