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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6616
BILL NUMBER: SB 153

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2023
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child Care Regulation Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides, with respect to the individual with certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) required to be present at all times when a child is in the care of a child care provider that is eligible to receive reimbursement through the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, that the individual is not required to be recertified in CPR annually. It amends references to funds provided to children under the On My Way Pre-K program or the CCDF program as grants to instead refer to the funds as child care vouchers. It provides that a child who resides with a parent or guardian who receives disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is eligible for the On My Way Pre-K program. It also makes technical corrections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could potentially expand the number of limited eligible children for the On My Way Pre-K Program (OMWP), but the number of children actually participating will depend upon appropriations made and administrative actions. However, this is expected to have minimal impact on the limited eligibility group.

Under federal law, eligible veterans may receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) in conjunction with, or as an alternative to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) disability benefits. Families receiving SSI or SSDI benefits are considered limited eligible for the OMWP voucher grants. Therefore, an eligible veteran parent or guardian could be identified as limited eligible if the parent or guardian already receives SSI or SSDI benefits. It is unknown how many disabled veteran parents or guardians already receive OMWP voucher grants.

Additional Information - There are two types of voucher recipients under the OMWP program, an eligible child and a limited eligibility child. The bill expands the limited eligibility group to include parents or guardians receiving disability benefits from the VA. As a result, this could potentially increase the number of children eligible for OMWP voucher grants. The OMWP support is statutorily required to be between \$2,500 and \$6,800, and the FSSA determines the number of vouchers available to limited eligibility children within the appropriations available. Additional vouchers may be funded through reduced award amounts or additional funding support.

OMWP Costs: The average annual cost of one year of high-quality preschool is \$9,530. State statute requires that between 5% and 50% of the tuition costs for eligible or limited eligibility prekindergarten students be paid through donations, gifts, grants, bequests from private sources, or the U.S. government.

OMWP Grants and Eligible Population: In CY 2022, 4,015 base eligibility grants and 777 limited eligibility grants were awarded. The FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations from state funds is \$22 M and \$27.4 M, respectively, with an additional \$5.5 M each year from federal funds. The federal funds are used for prekindergarteners who are eligible for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program that provides wraparound child care services before and after school and holidays

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Locally owned child care providers.

Information Sources: Indiana State Plan for CCDF, FFY 2022 - FFY 2024; https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/files/5909OMWPK-2022AnnualReport_v3.pdf; <https://www.ssa.gov>.

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