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Req. No. 6276

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child care; mandating payment of child care provider contract on weekly basis; requiring child care reimbursement to be based on enrollment and daily attendance; providing for rate determination based on tier level; providing for potential loss of benefit for certain absences; requiring Department of Human Services to conduct annual market rate survey; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 230.74 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A child care facility licensed by the Department of Human Services with a current child care provider contract shall receive reimbursement at the beginning of each week, fifty percent (50%) which shall be based on enrollment and fifty percent (50%) which shall be based on actual daily attendance. The rate shall be determined by the tier level of the child care facility where the

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- child is enrolled and the age of each child on the contract for the child care subsidy program minus the family copayment.
- B. The Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card of the child shall only be swiped in on days in attendance and shall not be required to be swiped out. In the event that a child misses ten (10) consecutive days of attendance without prior approval from the child care facility and a caseworker from the Department, the child may lose approval for the child care subsidy program and may be required to reapply in the program.
- C. The Department shall conduct an annual market rate survey to ensure compliance with the seventy-fifth percentile (75%) payment rate as required by the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant.
- 14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.
 - SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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