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CHILD CARE GRANT AMENDMENTS
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews
Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to child care subsidy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- authorizes the Office of Child Care to award a full child care subsidy or grant to a child with at least one parent or legal guardian working full-time at a child care provider; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-3-209, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 168

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **35A-3-209** is amended to read:

35A-3-209 . Award of child care subsidy services.

- (1) As used in this section, "child care provider" means an entity that holds a license or certificate from the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 4, Child Care Licensing.
- (2) (a) On or before June 30, 2023, the office shall award a full child care subsidy or grant for an income-eligible child.
- (b) The office shall make the award described in Subsection [(1)(a)] (2)(a):

- 29 (i) in accordance with applicable federal law and regulation; and
30 (ii) subject to available funds.
- 31 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2023 and subject to Subsection (3)(b), the office may
32 award:
- 33 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) a full child care subsidy or grant for:
34 (A) an income-eligible child whose family income is equal to or below 75% of
35 state median income; or
36 (B) a child who has at least one parent or legal guardian working as a full-time
37 employee of a child care provider; and
38 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) a progressively lower child care subsidy or grant for each tenth of a
39 percentage point by which the income-eligible child's family income exceeds 75%
40 of state median income up to 85% of state median income.
- 41 (b) The office shall make the award described in Subsection (3)(a):
42 (i) in accordance with applicable federal law and regulation; and
43 (ii) subject to available federal funds.
- 44 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) On or before June 30, 2023, and subject to Subsection ~~[(3)(b)]~~ (4)(b), the
45 office shall determine the amount of a child care subsidy or grant based on the
46 income-eligible child's enrollment in child care.
- 47 (b) To qualify for a child care subsidy or grant under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (4)(a), an
48 income-eligible child shall be enrolled in child care for a minimum of eight hours per
49 month.
- 50 (c) On or after July 1, 2023, and subject to Subsection ~~[(3)(d)]~~ (4)(d), the office shall
51 determine the amount of a child care subsidy or grant based on the income-eligible
52 child's attendance in child care.
- 53 (d) To qualify for a child care subsidy or grant under Subsection ~~[(3)(e)]~~ (4)(c), an
54 income-eligible child shall attend child care for a minimum of eight hours per month.
- 55 Section 2. **Effective date.**
56 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.