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HOUSE BILL 1810

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By Representatives Walsh, Scott, Appleton, Roberts, Santos, and Tharinger

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1            AN ACT Relating to optional payments by parents who receive working  
2 connections child care benefits; and amending RCW 43.215.545.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.545 and 2006 c 265 s 204 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            The department of early learning shall:

7            (1) Work in conjunction with the statewide child care resource and  
8 referral network as well as local governments, nonprofit organizations,  
9 businesses, and community child care advocates to create local child  
10 care resource and referral organizations. These organizations may  
11 carry out needs assessments, resource development, provider training,  
12 technical assistance, and parent information and training;

13            (2) Actively seek public and private money for distribution as  
14 grants to the statewide child care resource and referral network and to  
15 existing or potential local child care resource and referral  
16 organizations;

17            (3) Adopt rules allowing parents who receive working connections  
18 child care benefits the option of making a supplemental payment to fund

1 any difference between the child care provider's private rate and the  
2 state maximum rate for the following:

3 (a) Child care;

4 (b) Registration fees; or

5 (c) Field trips;

6 (4) Adopt rules regarding the application for and distribution of  
7 grants to local child care resource and referral organizations. The  
8 rules shall, at a minimum, require an applicant to submit a plan for  
9 achieving the following objectives:

10 (a) Provide parents with information about child care resources,  
11 including location of services and subsidies;

12 (b) Carry out child care provider recruitment and training  
13 programs, including training under RCW 74.25.040;

14 (c) Offer support services, such as parent and provider seminars,  
15 toy-lending libraries, and substitute banks;

16 (d) Provide information for businesses regarding child care supply  
17 and demand;

18 (e) Advocate for increased public and private sector resources  
19 devoted to child care;

20 (f) Provide technical assistance to employers regarding employee  
21 child care services; and

22 (g) Serve recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and  
23 working parents with incomes at or below household incomes of one  
24 hundred seventy-five percent of the federal poverty line;

25 ~~((+4))~~ (5) Provide staff support and technical assistance to the  
26 statewide child care resource and referral network and local child care  
27 resource and referral organizations;

28 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Maintain a statewide child care licensing data bank and  
29 work with department licensors to provide information to local child  
30 care resource and referral organizations about licensed child care  
31 providers in the state;

32 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Through the statewide child care resource and referral  
33 network and local resource and referral organizations, compile data  
34 about local child care needs and availability for future planning and  
35 development;

36 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Coordinate with the statewide child care resource and  
37 referral network and local child care resource and referral

1 organizations for the provision of training and technical assistance to  
2 child care providers; and  
3 ~~((8))~~ (9) Collect and assemble information regarding the  
4 availability of insurance and of federal and other child care funding  
5 to assist state and local agencies, businesses, and other child care  
6 providers in offering child care services.

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