
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6181

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Angel, Bailey, Rivers, Becker, and Honeyford)

READ FIRST TIME 01/29/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to child care; and amending RCW 43.215.135.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2013 c 323 s 9 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The department shall establish and implement policies in the
6 working connections child care program to promote stability and quality
7 of care for children from low-income households. Policies for the
8 expenditure of funds constituting the working connections child care
9 program must be consistent with the outcome measures defined in RCW
10 74.08A.410 and the standards established in this section intended to
11 promote continuity of care for children.

12 (2) The department shall establish and implement policies to train
13 staff on child care subsidy fraud, including:

14 (a) Methods to detect suspected child care subsidy fraud;

15 (b) The department's procedures for reporting suspected child care
16 subsidy fraud to the office of fraud and accountability; and

17 (c) The office of fraud and accountability's procedures for
18 reporting child care subsidy fraud anonymously.

1 (3) To incentivize a working connections child care subsidy
2 applicant or recipient to seek child support enforcement services from
3 the department of social and health services, division of child
4 support, the department of social and health services shall waive the
5 child care copayment for one month for applicants or recipients who
6 seek child support enforcement services for the first time and have not
7 already done so as required by other public assistance programs.

8 (4) Beginning in fiscal year 2013, authorizations for the working
9 connections child care subsidy shall be effective for twelve months
10 unless a change in circumstances necessitates reauthorization sooner
11 than twelve months. Seeking child support enforcement services for the
12 first time under subsection (3) of this section constitutes a change in
13 circumstances. The twelve-month certification applies only if the
14 enrollments in the child care subsidy or working connections child care
15 program are capped.

16 ~~((3))~~ (5) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
17 this specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2013, working connections
18 child care providers shall receive a five percent increase in the
19 subsidy rate for enrolling in level 2 in the early achievers programs.
20 Providers must complete level 2 and advance to level 3 within thirty
21 months in order to maintain this increase.

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