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SENATE BILL 6865

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By Senator Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting to the legislature regarding the  
2 implementation of directives related to child care in Washington state;  
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of early learning and the  
6 early learning advisory council shall jointly report to the governor  
7 and the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding the  
8 implementation of current activities to improve the quality and safety  
9 of child care licensed pursuant to chapter 43.215 RCW.

10 (2) The joint report shall report on the status and progress of the  
11 department's and the early learning advisory council's work in the  
12 following areas:

13 (a) The implementation of Washington's quality rating and  
14 improvement system created pursuant to RCW 43.215.100;

15 (b) The implementation of the state training and registry system;

16 (c) The implementation of practices to enhance outreach and  
17 education to consumers and the general public regarding: The  
18 department's toll-free number established under RCW 43.215.520; the  
19 department's web site regarding child care licensing and enforcement

1 actions as provided in RCW 43.215.525, 43.215.530 and 43.215.370; and  
2 any other items related to parent and consumer access to accurate  
3 information about child care;

4 (d) Efforts concerning public education regarding unlicensed child  
5 care;

6 (e) The results of negotiated rule making for family child care  
7 licensees as provided in RCW 43.215.350 and, if applicable, negotiated  
8 rule making for child day care centers;

9 (f) If applicable, any evaluation of the roles and responsibilities  
10 of the child care resource and referral network in providing  
11 information to assist parents in making informed child care decisions;  
12 and

13 (g) If applicable, efforts regarding the establishment of statewide  
14 standards for licensed child care provider preservice and continuing  
15 training and education.

16 (3) The preliminary joint report shall be provided to the  
17 governor's office and the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
18 December 1, 2008, with a final report, presented by June 30, 2009.

19 (4) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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