
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: S-0901.1/15

ATTY/TYPIST: SCG:akl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Increasing efficiency in child care reporting.

1 AN ACT Relating to increased efficiency in child care reporting;
2 amending RCW 43.215.135 and 43.215.1352; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the
5 federal government encourages states to ensure that a child who is
6 eligible for subsidized child care remains in child care regardless
7 of temporary changes to the child's family. The legislature intends
8 to meet this federal goal, which will increase administrative
9 efficiency and provide stable child care, by streamlining a family's
10 reporting requirements regarding changes to a family's circumstances.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2013 c 323 s 9 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The department shall establish and implement policies in the
14 working connections child care program to promote stability and
15 quality of care for children from low-income households. Policies for
16 the expenditure of funds constituting the working connections child
17 care program must be consistent with the outcome measures defined in
18 RCW 74.08A.410 and the standards established in this section intended
19 to promote continuity of care for children.

1 (2) (~~Beginning in fiscal year 2013,~~) Authorizations for the
2 working connections child care subsidy shall be effective for twelve
3 months (~~unless a change in circumstances necessitates~~
4 ~~reauthorization sooner than twelve months~~). The twelve-month
5 certification applies only if the enrollments in the child care
6 subsidy or working connections child care program are capped.

7 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2013, working connections
9 child care providers shall receive a five percent increase in the
10 subsidy rate for enrolling in level 2 in the early achievers
11 programs. Providers must complete level 2 and advance to level 3
12 within thirty months in order to maintain this increase.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.215.1352 and 2012 c 251 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 When an applicant or recipient applies for or receives working
16 connections child care benefits, (~~he or she~~) the applicant or
17 recipient is required to(~~+~~

18 ~~(1))~~ notify the department of social and health services, within
19 five days, of any change in providers(~~+~~and

20 ~~(2) Notify the department of social and health services, within~~
21 ~~ten days, about any significant change related to the number of child~~
22 ~~care hours the applicant or recipient needs, cost sharing, or~~
23 ~~eligibility)).~~

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