

SB 5506-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services, beginning with the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, and in every fiscal biennium thereafter, to adjust the child care subsidy to make it equal to or greater than seventy-five percent of the actual charges of providing child care in a child care center.

Requires child care centers to: (1) Respond to any reporting requirements adopted by the department of social and health services or the department of early learning, including requirements on reporting attendance or absences of children in their centers; and

(2) Distribute age-appropriate educational and parenting information provided by licensors, local resource centers, school districts, and other organizations to parents who bring their children to that child care center.

Directs the Washington basic health plan administrator to reserve ten percent of enrollment slots for child care providers working at child care centers that are licensed by the state under RCW 74.15.030 and have at least one child care slot filled by a child for whom it receives a subsidy.