

SSB 6226 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.215.135 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 42 s 11 are each
4 amended to read 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) As a condition of receiving a child care subsidy or a working
13 connections child care subsidy, the applicant or recipient must seek
14 child support enforcement services from the department of social and
15 health services, division of child support, unless the department finds
16 that the applicant or recipient has good cause not to cooperate.

17 ~~(3) ((Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, an~~
18 ~~applicant or recipient of a child care subsidy or a working connections~~
19 ~~child care subsidy is eligible to receive that subsidy for six months~~
20 ~~before having to recertify his or her income eligibility. The six-~~
21 ~~month certification provision applies only if enrollments in the child~~
22 ~~care subsidy or working connections child care program are capped.~~

23 ~~(4))~~ Beginning in fiscal year ~~((2011, for families with children~~
24 ~~enrolled in an early childhood education and assistance program, a head~~
25 ~~start program, or an early head start program))~~ 2013, authorizations
26 for the working connections child care subsidy shall be effective for
27 twelve months unless a change in circumstances necessitates
28 reauthorization sooner than twelve months. The twelve-month
29 certification applies only if the enrollments in the child care subsidy
30 or working connections child care program are capped.

1 ~~((5) The department, in consultation with the department of social~~
2 ~~and health services, shall report to the legislature by September 1,~~
3 ~~2011, with:~~

4 ~~(a) An analysis of the impact of the twelve-month authorization~~
5 ~~period on the stability of child care, program costs, and~~
6 ~~administrative savings; and~~

7 ~~(b) Recommendations for expanding the application of the twelve-~~
8 ~~month authorization period to additional populations of children in~~
9 ~~care.))~~

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 When an applicant or recipient applies for or receives working
13 connections child care benefits, he or she is required to:

14 (1) Notify the department of social and health services, within
15 five days, of any change in providers; and

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

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2012."

20 Correct the title.

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