
SENATE BILL 5527

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By Senators Hargrove, Carrell, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of an electronic benefit transfer system
2 for the delivery of subsidized child care; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.215 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that approximately two
6 hundred thirty-one million dollars in general fund state dollars will
7 be spent on the child care subsidy program during the 2011-2013
8 biennium. Maintaining integrity in this program is of the utmost
9 importance in ensuring that finite state resources are being used in an
10 appropriate manner. The legislature further finds that thirty-two
11 percent of overpayments made in public assistance programs during
12 fiscal year 2009 were in the working connections child care program
13 requiring extensive state employee resources to recoup these
14 overpayments. The legislature believes that a number of overpayments
15 can be avoided in the future with the use of an electronic benefit
16 transfer system to track a child's attendance at child care and to pay
17 the subsidy to the provider.

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

3 By December 31, 2011, the department, with the assistance of the
4 department of social and health services, shall develop and implement
5 an electronic benefit transfer system to be used for the delivery of
6 subsidized child care. The system shall be developed to allow the
7 department to track time and attendance for any child for whom a child
8 care provider is receiving a subsidy and to process subsidy payments to
9 providers.

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