

2SHB 1391 - H AMD 60

By Representative Dent

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1 On page 16, after line 20, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter
4 43.216 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The cost of child care regulations work group is established
6 to study: (a) The financial impacts of department licensing
7 regulations on child care businesses; (b) direct and indirect
8 financial costs to child care providers that are associated with
9 participation in the early achievers quality rating system; and (c)
10 benefits to providers associated with participation in the early
11 achievers quality rating system. The work group must review
12 available health, safety, and education outcome data for children
13 and families engaged in early achievers programs when analyzing the
14 costs and benefits associated with provider participation in the
15 early achievers quality rating system. The work group must include
16 an analysis of costs associated with licensing and early achievers
17 requirements that may have a disproportionate economic impact on
18 child care businesses located in rural areas of the state.

19 (2)(a) The secretary of the department or his or her designee
20 shall convene the first meeting of the work group by August 1, 2019.
21 The work group must meet at least five times between August 1, 2019,
22 and November 30, 2019, and must convene at least two meetings of
23 those meetings in locations east of the crest of the Cascade
24 mountains.

25 (b) The work group must consist of the following twelve voting
26 members:

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1 (i) Three licensed family home child care providers selected by
2 a statewide organization representing the interests of family child
3 care providers. At least one family home child care provider must
4 provide child care for children of agricultural workers, speak
5 Spanish as a first language, or be located east of the crest of the
6 Cascade mountains;

7 (ii) Three licensed child care center providers selected by a
8 statewide organization representing the interests of licensed child
9 care centers. At least one child care center provider must provide
10 child care for children of agricultural workers, speak Spanish as a
11 first language, or be located east of the crest of the Cascade
12 mountains;

13 (iii) Two foster parents selected by a statewide organization
14 solely focused on supporting foster parents. At least one foster
15 parent must reside east of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and

16 (iv) Four legislators, consisting of two members of the house of
17 representatives and two members of the senate. The speaker of the
18 house of representatives shall appoint one member to the work group
19 from each of the two largest caucuses in the house of
20 representatives. The president of the senate shall appoint one
21 member to the work group from each of the two largest caucuses in
22 the senate.

23 (3) The work group shall elect its cochairs, one from among the
24 legislative members and one from among the citizen members.

25 (4) The work group may seek input or collaborate with other
26 parties as it deems necessary. The work group may contract with
27 additional persons who have specific technical expertise if such
28 expertise is necessary to carry out the mandates of the study. The
29 work group may enter into such a contract only if an appropriation
30 is specifically provided for this purpose.

31 (5) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for
32 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
33 members must be reimbursed for travel expenses according to chapter
34 43.03 RCW.

1 (6) Staff support for the work group shall be provided by the
2 department.

3 (7) By December 31, 2019, the work group must submit its
4 findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate
5 committees of the legislature.

6 (8) This section expires January 10, 2020."
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8 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
9 internal references accordingly.

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11 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

- Establishes a Cost of Child Care Regulations work group administered by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.
- Requires the work group to submit findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 31, 2019.

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