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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the cost of child care
2 regulations work group; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The cost of child care regulations work group is established.
8 The work group must study: (a) The financial impacts of department
9 licensing regulations on child care businesses; and (b) direct and
10 indirect costs and benefits to child care providers that are
11 associated with participation in the early achievers quality rating
12 system. The study must include an analysis of costs associated with
13 licensing and early achievers requirements that may have a
14 disproportionate economic impact on child care businesses located in
15 rural areas of the state.

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

1 (b) The work group must consist of the following twelve voting
2 members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (5) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for
34 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
35 members must be reimbursed for travel expenses according to chapter
36 43.03 RCW.

37 (6) Staff support for the work group shall be provided by the
38 department.

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

4 (8) This section expires January 10, 2020.

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