

**2SSB 5237 - S AMD 238**

By Senator Van De Wege

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1 On page 5, line 11, after "(j)" strike all material through  
2 "establishing" and insert "Establishing"

3 On page 5, line 14, after "(k)" insert "Supporting youth  
4 development programs serving children and youth ages birth through 12  
5 including, but not limited to, expanded learning opportunities,  
6 mentoring, school-age child care, and wraparound supports or  
7 integrated student supports;

8 (l)"

9 Reletter the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
10 internal references accordingly.

11 On page 12, line 1, after "(11)" insert "The council shall  
12 convene a temporary licensing subcommittee to provide feedback and  
13 recommendations on improvement to the statewide licensing process.  
14 The subcommittee shall examine strategies to increase the number of  
15 licensed child care providers in the state. The subcommittee shall  
16 develop model policies for licensed child care providers to implement  
17 licensing standards including, but not limited to, completing the  
18 child care and early learning licensing guidebook, to be made  
19 available to support providers with compliance. The subcommittee  
20 shall also develop recommendations regarding incentives and financial  
21 supports to help prospective providers navigate the licensing  
22 process. The subcommittee shall provide feedback and recommendations  
23 pursuant to this subsection (11) by December 1, 2022.

24 (12)"

25 Renumber the remaining subsection consecutively and correct any  
26 internal references accordingly.

27 On page 27, after line 7, insert the following:

28 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 313. NEGOTIATED RULE MAKING WITH CHILD CARE  
29 CENTERS. The secretary shall engage in negotiated rule making

1 pursuant to RCW 34.05.310(2)(a) with the largest organization  
2 representing child care center owners and directors; the largest  
3 organization representing supervisors, teachers, and aides; and other  
4 affected interests before adopting requirements that affect child  
5 care center licensees."

6 On page 35, line 30, after "~~(twelve)~~" strike "13" and insert  
7 "12"

8 On page 51, line 32, after "311" strike ", 312" and insert  
9 "through 313"

EFFECT: (1) Adds supporting youth development programs serving children and youth ages birth through 12 as an allowable use for the Fair Start for Kids Account.

(2) Directs the Early Learning Advisory Council to convene a temporary licensing subcommittee to provide feedback and recommendations by December 1, 2022, on: (a) Improvement to the statewide licensing process; (b) strategies to increase the number of licensed child care providers; (c) model policies for licensed child care providers, including a licensing guidebook; and (d) incentives and financial supports to help prospective providers navigate the licensing process.

(3) Requires the Secretary of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to engage in negotiated rule making with the largest organization representing child care center owners and directors; the largest organization representing supervisors, teachers, and aides; and with other affected interests before adopting requirements that affect child care center licensees.

(4) Restores the existing definition of "school age child," which includes 12-year-olds.

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