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By House Children, Youth & Families (originally sponsored by Representatives Klippert, Sutherland, and Graham)

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1 AN ACT Relating to child care access; creating a new section; and
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of children, youth, and
5 families shall conduct competitive procurements as necessary in
6 accordance with chapter 39.26 RCW to conduct a statewide assessment
7 of child care access for families of children with developmental
8 delay or disabilities, in order to better understand the
9 availability, affordability, and accessibility of child care that
10 meets the needs of those families. The statewide assessment required
11 under this section must be conducted in consultation with the office
12 of the superintendent of public instruction and statewide
13 organizations representing the interests of children and families
14 with lived experiences of this issue.

15 (2) The statewide assessment of child care access required under
16 this section must, at a minimum:

17 (a) Identify cities, counties, areas within cities or counties,
18 and other regions of the state, including school district boundaries
19 with the highest need related to child care availability,
20 accessibility, and affordability for children with developmental
21 delay or disabilities, by category of disability;

1 (b) Identify the statewide need related to child care
2 availability, accessibility, and affordability for families of
3 children with developmental delay or disabilities, by category of
4 disability;

5 (c) Describe the capacity of the current child care providers in
6 meeting the demand of families of children with developmental delay
7 or disabilities, by category of disability; and

8 (d) Include survey results from families with children across the
9 state with developmental delay or disabilities describing their child
10 care needs and the availability, affordability, and accessibility of
11 those child care needs.

12 (3) The department of children, youth, and families shall partner
13 with the office of the developmental disabilities ombuds and the
14 office of the superintendent of public instruction to review the
15 statewide assessment and make recommendations to increase the
16 availability, affordability, and accessibility of child care for
17 families of children with developmental delay or disabilities. The
18 recommendations shall include:

19 (a) Recommendations for assisting families with children across
20 the state with developmental delay or disabilities in accessing child
21 care;

22 (b) Recommendations for creating a child care liaison housed
23 within an organization outside state government, such as a statewide
24 organization representing the interests of children and adults with
25 intellectual and developmental disabilities or the statewide child
26 care resource and referral network; and

27 (c) A discussion of methods used by other states to assist
28 families in accessing child care for children with developmental
29 delay or disabilities.

30 (4) The statewide assessment and recommendations must be
31 submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the
32 governor in compliance with RCW 43.01.036 by June 30, 2023.

33 (5) This section expires December 30, 2023.

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