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SB 95: CHILD CARE: ASSISTANCE/GRANTS

Sectional Analysis

Section 1. Amends AS 47.05.030(a). This is a conforming change.

Section 2. Amends AS 47.05.030(a). Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 3. Amends AS 47.05.085(a). This is a conforming change.

Section 4. Amends AS 47.05.085(a). Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 5. Amends AS 47.25.001(a). This is a conforming change.

Section 6. Amends AS 47.25.001(a). Changes the maximum monthly household income for eligibility to 105% of the Alaska Median Income, adjusted for family size. Also replaces “day care” with “child care.”

Section 7. Amends AS 47.25.011. This is a conforming change.

Section 8. Amends AS 47.25.011. Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 9. Amends AS 47.25.021. This is a conforming change.

Section 10. Amends AS 47.25.021. Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 11. Amends AS 47.25.031. This is a conforming change.

Section 12. Amends AS 47.25.031. Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 13. Amends AS 47.25.041. This is a conforming change.

Section 14. Amends AS 47.25.041. Establishes that the parent or guardian contribution rate for child care shall not exceed 7% of the family monthly income.

Section 15. Amends AS 47.25.051(a). This is a conforming change.

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Section 16. Amends AS 47.25.051(b). Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 17. Amends AS 47.25.071(b). This is a conforming change.

Section 18. Amends AS 47.25.071(b). Corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 19. Amends AS 47.25.051. Requires the Department to procure a cost-of-care study to set subsidy rates.

Section 20. Amends AS 47.25.071(b). This is a conforming change.

Section 21. Amends AS 47.25.071(b). Sets a designation as a “quality child care facility” as the minimum standard for the Department to issue grants. Also corrects the terminology in existing statute from “day care” to “child care.”

Section 22. Amends AS 47.25.071(g). This is a conforming change.

Section 23. Amends AS 47.25.071(g). Requires prioritization of children from low-income families when filling available spaces in the facility.

Section 24. Amends AS 47.25.071(h). This is a conforming change.

Section 25. Amends AS 47.25.071(h). Directs the department to promulgate regulations for criteria used to designate a facility as “quality.”

Section 26. Amends AS 47.25.071. Allows the Department to provide grants to the highest-performing and highest-quality child care facilities in the state, and prohibits a child care facility receiving state grants from denying a child acceptance based on disability or socioeconomic status.

Section 27. Amends AS 47.25.095(2). This is a conforming change.

Section 28. Amends AS 47.25.095(2). Adds a definition of “child care.”

Section 29. Amends AS 47.25.095(3). Updates the definition of “child care facility” to include “day care.”

Section 30. Amends AS 47.25.095(3). Updates the definition of “child care facility” to include establishments recognized by the federal government for the care of children.

Section 31. Amends AS 47.25.095. This is a conforming change.

Section 32. Repeals Section 31. This is a conforming change.

Section 33. This is a conforming change.

Section 34. Repeals uncodified law associated with the passage of SB 189 from the 33rd Session. This is

a conforming change.

Section 35. Codifies that the Department shall receive federal approval for the state plan for the child care assistance program.

Section 36. Sets a retroactive effective date to July 23, 2024.

Section 37. Sets an effective date for Section 6 as January 1, 2026, pending approval by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 39. All other sections of the bill take effect immediately.