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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING (at the request of the  
Early Learning Division)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2024**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page  
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Local entity’ includes:**

5 **“(A) An Early Learning Hub designated under ORS 417.827;**

6 **“(B) A resource and referral entity;**

7 **“(C) An education service district;**

8 **“(D) A federal Head Start program;**

9 **“(E) A community-based organization; or**

10 **“(F) Any entity identified by the Early Learning Division.**

11 **“(b) ‘Provider’ means a provider of infant and toddler care.**

12 **“(c) ‘Resource and referral entity’ means a resource and referral**  
13 **entity established under ORS 329A.100 to 329A.135.**

14 **“(2) The Early Learning Division shall administer an infant and**  
15 **toddler care program to improve access to high quality infant and**  
16 **toddler care for families whose incomes, at the time of enrollment, are**  
17 **at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.**

18 **“(3)(a) Each biennium, each Early Learning Hub, in consultation**  
19 **with resource and referral entities, shall complete a community plan.**  
20 **The plan must include the following for the region served by the Early**  
21 **Learning Hub:**

1       **“(A) Identification of priority populations of children and families**  
2 **to enroll in the program;**

3       **“(B) Assessment of the availability of high-quality infant and**  
4 **toddler care;**

5       **“(C) Identification of existing providers and opportunities to in-**  
6 **crease the number and enrollment capacity of providers;**

7       **“(D) Prioritization of local entities to serve as providers based on**  
8 **community need and enrollment capacity;**

9       **“(E) Identification of local entities to serve as fiscal agents for**  
10 **multiple providers;**

11       **“(F) Identification of methods for increasing the enrollment capac-**  
12 **ity of providers and for providing professional development to provid-**  
13 **ers; and**

14       **“(G) Identification of other services related to infant and toddler**  
15 **care.**

16       **“(b) After completing a community plan described in paragraph (a)**  
17 **of this subsection, an Early Learning Hub shall submit the plan to the**  
18 **Early Learning Division for approval based on rules adopted by the**  
19 **Early Learning Council.**

20       **“(4)(a) The Early Learning Division shall contract with resource**  
21 **and referral entities to recruit eligible providers to participate in the**  
22 **infant and toddler care program established under this section.**

23       **“(b) To be eligible to participate in the program, a provider must**  
24 **demonstrate a commitment and ability to:**

25       **“(A) Address the needs identified in the community plan approved**  
26 **by the Early Learning Division under subsection (3) of this section;**

27       **“(B) Provide care to infants and toddlers;**

28       **“(C) Serve families whose incomes, at the time of enrollment, are**  
29 **at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and**

30       **“(D) Serve families who otherwise meet criteria established by the**

1 **Early Learning Council by rule.**

2 **“(5)(a) The Early Learning Division shall identify a local entity**  
3 **within each Early Learning Hub region that shall be responsible for**  
4 **awarding grants and contracts to providers who meet the eligibility**  
5 **criteria established under subsection (4) of this section.**

6 **“(b) Before a provider may be awarded a grant or contract under**  
7 **this section, the provider must agree to participate in any quality im-**  
8 **provement and professional development activities necessary to meet**  
9 **the standards established by the Early Learning Division.**

10 **“(6) Resource and referral entities shall:**

11 **“(a) In consultation with each provider awarded a grant or contract**  
12 **under this section, develop a quality improvement and professional**  
13 **development plan for the provider; and**

14 **“(b) Provide coaching and other professional development services**  
15 **necessary to execute the plan developed under this subsection.”.**

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