

House Bill 3215

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers. Prescribes duties of ombudsman.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Early Learning Division ombudsman.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning System Director, with the concurrence of the Gov-**
5 **ernor, shall appoint an ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers. The**
6 **ombudsman shall be under the supervision and control of the director and, with the con-**
7 **currence of the Governor, the director may terminate the ombudsman.**

8 **(2) The ombudsman for early childhood care and education providers shall act as an im-**
9 **partial, independent advocate for early childhood care and education providers by:**

10 **(a) Providing guidance, education, resources and information to early childhood care and**
11 **education providers;**

12 **(b) Providing dispute resolution services for matters related to early childhood care and**
13 **education providers and involving the Early Learning Division, including accepting, investi-**
14 **gating and assisting in the resolution of complaints; and**

15 **(c) Assisting early childhood care and education providers with issues of equity, including**
16 **assisting with:**

17 **(A) Issues of inequity that may be experienced by underrepresented early childhood care**
18 **and education providers; and**

19 **(B) Access to translated communications.**

20 **(3) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules governing the ombudsman, including:**

21 **(a) The role of the ombudsman in complaint referrals and dispute resolution;**

22 **(b) The development of a standardized process for receiving complaint referrals and for**
23 **resolving disputes; and**

24 **(c) The identification of the types of complaints to be resolved by the ombudsman.**

25 **(4) An ombudsman appointed under this section must comply with the provisions of ORS**
26 **182.500.**

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