

# House Bill 3027

Sponsored by Representative NERON; Representatives LEVY B, PHAM H, Senator MEEK (Presession filed.)

## 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**.

Directs Department of Early Learning and Care to enter into contracts with entities to provide services as navigator of employment related day care. Prescribes requirements of entities to enter into contract.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to child care navigators.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329A.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "ERDC navigator" means an entity that assists**  
6 **families with enrolling in the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program and in related**  
7 **programs or services.**

8 **(2) The Department of Early Learning and Care shall enter into contracts with entities**  
9 **to provide the services of an ERDC navigator.**

10 **(3) An ERDC navigator shall:**

11 **(a) Conduct outreach and public education for populations that may be eligible to par-**  
12 **ticipate in the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program.**

13 **(b) Assist families with the application and eligibility determination process for the Em-**  
14 **ployment Related Day Care subsidy program.**

15 **(c) Assist families enrolled in the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program with**  
16 **identifying child care providers that meet the needs of the family.**

17 **(d) Assist families in identifying and enrolling in any other needed child care programs**  
18 **and in other early learning programs or related services.**

19 **(4) Any entity in this state may enter into a contract with the department to become an**  
20 **ERDC navigator if the entity is:**

21 **(a) A culturally specific community-based organization that:**

22 **(A) Is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or**

23 **(B) Has a fiscal agent that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**  
24 **Revenue Code.**

25 **(b) A tribal government.**

26 **(c) A school district or an education service district.**

27 **(d) An organization that provides child care resource or referral information or services.**

28 **(e) An Early Learning Hub.**

29 **(f) A joint labor-management committee that administers child care benefits for em-**  
30 **ployees.**

31 **(5) When selecting entities to become an ERDC navigator, the department shall give**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **priority to entities that assist families that:**  
2       **(a) Need infant or toddler care.**  
3       **(b) Need care for a child with a diagnosed disability.**  
4       **(c) Are from a population that has been identified as historically having an inadequate**  
5 **child care provider supply.**  
6       **(d) Need or prefer care that is culturally or linguistically specific.**  
7       **(e) Need evening, overnight or weekend care.**  
8       **(f) Live in a rural area or another area experiencing extreme insufficiency of child care**  
9 **providers.**  
10       **(6) The Early Learning Council may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of**  
11 **this section.**

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