

House Bill 2593

Sponsored by Representative HUDSON; Representatives NGUYEN H, PHAM H (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the Department of Early Learning and Care to study the impact of a waitlist to receive child care on some families. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.6).

Requires the Department of Early Learning and Care to study the impact on student parents and working parents of the waitlist to participate in the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program.

Directs the department to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child care no later than September 15, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to child care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Early Learning and Care shall study the impact on**
5 **student parents and working parents of the waitlist to participate in the Employment Re-**
6 **lated Day Care subsidy program established under ORS 329A.500. The study must:**

7 (a) **Develop a viable proposal and timeline to change the name of the Employment Related**
8 **Day Care subsidy program to the Oregon Child Care Affordability Program.**

9 (b) **Identify existing and new strategies and policies to expand outreach efforts to student**
10 **parents to increase the representation of student parents in the program to a minimum of**
11 **20 percent of the entire program caseload.**

12 (c) **Identify existing and new strategies and policies to expand outreach efforts to work-**
13 **ing parents to increase the representation of working parents in the program to a minimum**
14 **of 50 percent of the entire program caseload.**

15 (d) **Determine the number of families whose participation in the program is based on**
16 **each eligibility criteria and the percentage that each eligibility criteria represents of the total**
17 **program caseload.**

18 (e) **Determine the number of families in the program whose children are in contracted**
19 **slots.**

20 (2) **The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
21 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**
22 **Assembly related to child care no later than September 15, 2026.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**
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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.