

H. B. No. 96
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In the table on line 111288, after row N, insert: 1

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A GRF 830412 Child Care Grants \$10,250,000 \$10,250,000

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In the table on line 111288, in rows X and AX, add 5
\$10,250,000 to each fiscal year 6

After line 111384, insert: 7

"Section 423.85. CHILD CARE GRANTS 8

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 830412, Child Care 9
Grants, \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the 10
Department of Children and Youth to administer, in consultation 11
with the Department of Development and JobsOhio, a grant program 12
to assist employers in retrofitting or equipping their onsite or 13
near-site child care facilities, in building new child care 14
facilities, or in partnering with child care providers, 15



government entities, nonprofit organizations, or others on 16
initiatives to create child care capacity within their 17
communities to support the workforce. The program's aim shall be 18
to increase the availability of child care in communities across 19
Ohio and to aid in business growth and recruitment in this 20
state. 21

Under the program, any entity may apply for a grant, but, 22
in awarding grants, the Department of Children and Youth shall 23
give priority to the following applicant types: employers 24
seeking child care for their employees' children; government 25
entities, nonprofit organizations, and other community 26
partnerships seeking to expand child care capacity for the 27
workforce in the communities they serve; or any combination of 28
these applicant types. To be eligible for an award, an applicant 29
must demonstrate that the applicant's facility or applicant's 30
partner provides, or intends to provide, publicly funded child 31
care and participates, or intends to participate, in the state's 32
tiered quality rating and improvement system. An applicant also 33
shall submit a plan for ongoing sustainability to support its 34
capacity expanding initiative and shall identify the needs and 35
gaps its initiative would address. 36

Not more than \$750,000 shall be awarded to each grant 37
recipient, and the recipient shall use the award only for the 38
purposes described in this division. 39

In addition, as part of the program and in an effort to 40
aid business growth and recruitment in this state, the 41
Department of Development, in coordination with JobsOhio and the 42
Department of Children and Youth, shall create additional 43
incentives for new or existing businesses to expand child care 44
capacity or child care support for the state's workforce. 45

(B) (1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 830412, Child Care Grants, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Children and Youth to contract with an entity to establish a cohort comprised of recipients of child care-related grants awarded by the Department, create an Employer-Based Child Care Co-Design Learning Lab, and develop tools and resources in order to train and support future child care grant applicants and other employers, government entities, or nonprofit organizations interested in expanding child care capacity.

(2) The entity selected shall coordinate education and knowledge-sharing among the grant recipients and cohorts, as well as provide technical assistance to these entities. The entity shall collaborate with grant recipients to collect and measure data, outcomes, and best practices, all as prescribed by the Department of Children and Youth. The entity shall prepare a report compiling the foregoing data, outcomes, and best practices and submit copies of it to the Department, Governor, and members of the General Assembly. The Department shall assist the entity in making the report available on the web site maintained by the Department.

(3) The entity selected also shall establish an employer-based child care co-design learning lab program. The program's aim shall be twofold: to assist employers, including businesses, government entities, and nonprofit organizations, in learning how to form partnerships and best fund, including by utilizing tax credits, grants such as those available under this section, and employer contributions and other opportunities as necessary to create onsite or near-site child care spots or facilities and to identify other innovative strategies to expand child care capacity in their communities. The program shall prioritize

rural and underserved areas of this state. Each design lab may 76
be regionally based and provide four to six months of intensive 77
learning to employer participants. Participants shall learn 78
processes and develop knowledge and competencies to plan, 79
organize, and find operations partners, to create long-term 80
financial modeling and business plans, to partner with community 81
stakeholders and organizations, and to apply for grants, 82
including those awarded by the Department. The program shall 83
emphasize the importance of operations partners, shall provide 84
participants with sample requests for proposals, and shall 85
encourage engagement with community and regional workforce 86
leadership. 87

(4) Additionally, the entity selected shall design an 88
employer tool kit and other resources as determined by the 89
Department of Children and Youth, in consultation with JobsOhio 90
and the Department of Development, that may be used to educate 91
employers on issues impacting, and solutions improving, employee 92
access to child care. The tool kit shall include, but not be 93
limited to, all of the following topics: 94

(a) Strategies to expand child care capacity; 95

(b) Any information, competencies, best practices, and 96
other resources identified in the co-design lab program 97
described in this division; 98

(c) Procedures for applying for available child care- 99
related federal, state, and local tax credits and creating child 100
care-related flexible spending accounts or other employee 101
benefit supports; 102

(d) Any other resources identified by the Department of 103
Children and Youth, in consultation with JobsOhio and the 104

Department of Development. 105

The Department of Children and Youth shall make the tool 106
 kit available on the web site it maintains and shall otherwise 107
 distribute copies of the tool kit to businesses, government 108
 entities, nonprofit organizations, and other entities as 109
 determined by the Department." 110

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 111

DCY - Child care grant programs 112

Section 423.85 113

Requires DCY to administer, in consultation with DEV and 114
 JobsOhio, a grant program to expand child care capacity, support 115
 the state's workforce, and aid in business growth and 116
 recruitment. 117

Department of Children and Youth 118

Sections 423.10 and 423.85 119

Appropriates \$10,250,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 120
 830412, Child Care Grants. Requires (1) \$10,000,000 in each 121
 fiscal year to be used for the grant program, and (2) \$250,000 122
 in each fiscal year to be used to establish child care cohorts, 123
 create an employer-based child care co-design learning lab, and 124
 develop tools and resources to support efforts to increase 125
 Ohio's child care capacity. 126