

H. B. No. 96
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

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

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	1	2	3	4	5
A GRF	830418	Child Care Provider		\$3,200,000	\$0
		Recruitment			

" 4

In the table on line 111288, in rows X and AX, add \$3,200,000 to 5
fiscal year 2026 6

After line 111398, insert: 7

"Section 423.105. CHILD CARE PROVIDER RECRUITMENT 8

The foregoing appropriation item 830418, Child Care 9
Provider Recruitment, shall be used for the Child Care Provider 10
Recruitment and Mentorship Grant Program established in section 11
751.00.01 of this act. 12

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 13
appropriation item 830418, Child Care Provider Recruitment, at 14



the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same 15
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027." 16

After line 112600, insert: 17

"Section 751.00.01. (A) (1) The Child Care Provider 18
Recruitment and Mentorship Grant Program is created in the 19
Department of Children and Youth. Under the program, the 20
Department shall award grants to eligible organizations for the 21
following purposes: 22

(a) To increase, through recruitment efforts, Ohio's 23
supply of licensed child care providers, including at least one 24
hundred twenty new family child care homes, especially in areas 25
or communities of the state most in need of such care; 26

(b) To assist entities and individuals recruited under the 27
program in establishing and operating child care businesses and 28
adopting business practices to best serve the needs of Ohio's 29
families. 30

(2) The Department shall operate the program described in 31
division (A) (1) of this section until July 1, 2027. 32

(3) Each grant recipient shall do all of the following 33
over the course of the recipient's grant period: 34

(a) With the assistance of the Department and relevant 35
stakeholders, identify and recruit entities and individuals 36
interested in operating family child care homes, in particular, 37
in areas and communities with limited access to such homes; 38

(b) Partner with prospective child care providers to 39
assist them in developing and implementing child care business 40
models; 41

(c) Assist prospective child care providers in obtaining 42

licensure under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code; 43

(d) Mentor licensed child care providers in such topics as 44
operating, maintaining, and expanding child care businesses. 45

(B) An organization seeking a program grant shall apply to 46
the Department in the manner prescribed by the Department. To be 47
eligible for a program grant, an applicant shall demonstrate 48
that it is able to do all of the following: 49

(1) In collaboration with the Department and relevant 50
stakeholders, plan, staff, and hold events, either in-person or 51
virtually, to identify and recruit prospective child care 52
providers; 53

(2) Develop informational materials to assist licensed 54
child care providers with marketing, advertising, and outreach; 55

(3) Establish a software platform, with a customizable 56
dashboard, that may be accessed by licensed child care providers 57
to assist them with tasks such as marketing their businesses, 58
enrolling children, communicating with families, billing for 59
services, and reporting expenses; 60

(4) Offer and provide coaching and training to child care 61
staff employed by licensed child care providers, which may 62
include in-person, group training sessions, on-site coaching 63
visits, community forums, and other events; 64

(5) Perform any other activity the Department considers 65
relevant. 66

The Department shall review each application it receives 67
under this section. After receiving an application it considers 68
complete, the Department shall determine whether the applicant 69
meets the eligibility conditions described in this division. If 70

the eligibility conditions are met, and subject to available 71
funds, the Department shall award a grant to the recipient. Each 72
grant shall expire at the close of fiscal year 2027. 73

(C) The Department shall require each grant recipient, as 74
a condition of continued funding, to submit to the Department on 75
a periodic basis reports describing the recipient's progress in 76
partnering with, assisting, and mentoring prospective and 77
licensed child care providers, in particular the number and 78
content of trainings offered by the recipient, the types of 79
software or web site platforms the recipient makes available to 80
child care providers, and any other information the Department 81
considers necessary. The reports shall be completed and 82
submitted in the manner and at the intervals prescribed by the 83
Department." 84

Update the title, amend, enact, or repeal clauses accordingly 85

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 86

**Child Care Provider Recruitment and Mentorship Grant 87
Program 88**

Section 751.00.01 89

Establishes the Child Care Recruitment and Mentorship 90
Grant Program to help increase the number of licensed child care 91
providers in Ohio. 92

Department of Children and Youth 93

Sections 423.10 and 423.105	94
Appropriates \$3,200,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI	95
830418, Child Care Provider Recruitment. Earmarks these funds	96
for the Child Care Provider Recruitment and Mentorship Grant	97
Program. Reappropriates the available balance at the end of FY	98
2026 to FY 2027.	99