

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2186

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on pages 1104 and 1105 of the House Journal, Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2186 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "chapter" insert "50-09 and a new section to chapter"

Page 1, line 2, after "to" insert "transition assistance for child care and" and replace "care workforce development and department of" with "quality activities"

Page 1, remove line 3

Page 1, line 4, remove "facilities and program and business technical assistance for early childhood care providers"

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

"SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Transition assistance for child care. The state agency shall establish a program of transition assistance to pay a portion of the cost of child care for families that lose eligibility, and remain ineligible, for benefits under section 50-09-29 due to earnings from employment. This program must:

1. Provide benefits for up to the six months following the loss of benefits under section 50-09-29;
2. Be paid directly to recipients using a debit card; and
3. Meet all requirements to be considered "assistance" for purposes of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, part 260, section 31, or any substantially similar federal regulation that may replace title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, part 260, section 31."

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 24 with:

- "1. The department shall replace the reduction in child care development fund grants.
2. The department shall establish a statewide system to build systematic early childhood workforce voluntary training to include distance learning formats, a professional registry, certificates and specializations, scholarships, and technical assistance.
3. The department shall develop a voluntary quality rating system for licensed early childhood facilities which may be used as a tool to inform parents, public officials, and other purchasers of child care regarding the level of quality at a facility.
4. The department shall establish a quality improvement program for center and home-based child care programs, which may include accreditation support, program, and business technical assistance and consultation."

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 12

Page 2, line 13, replace "in the" with "from special funds derived from federal funds and other income from the temporary assistance for needy families program"

Page 2, line 14, remove "general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated," and replace "\$1,900,000" with "\$1,491,210"

Page 2, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys from special funds derived from federal funds and other income for the temporary assistance for needy families program the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$166,221, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of replacing the reduction in child care development fund grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009."

Renumber accordingly