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Representative Ashlee Matthews proposes the following substitute bill:

CHILDCARE WAGE STABILIZATION AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews

Senate Sponsor: ~~{ }~~ Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to child care subsidy ~~{ and creates a grant program for child care providers }~~.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ authorizes the Office of Child Care to award a full child care subsidy or grant to a child with at least one parent or legal guardian working full-time at a child care provider; ~~{~~

~~→ creates the child care worker wage supplement grant program;~~

~~→ describes the minimum requirements of the child care worker wage supplement grant program;~~

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~~authorizes the Office of Child Care to make rules;~~ and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-3-209, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 168

~~{ENACTS:~~

~~35A-3-213, Utah Code Annotated 1953~~

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **35A-3-209** is amended to read:

35A-3-209. Award of child care subsidy services.

(1) As used in this section, "child care provider" means an entity that holds a license or certificate from the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 4, Child Care Licensing.

(2) (a) On or before June 30, 2023, the office shall award a full child care subsidy or grant for an income-eligible child.

(b) The office shall make the award described in Subsection [(1)(a)] (2)(a):

(i) in accordance with applicable federal law and regulation; and

(ii) subject to available funds.

[(2)] (3) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2023 and subject to Subsection (3)(b), the office may award:

[(a)] (i) a full child care subsidy or grant for:

[(ii)] (A) an income-eligible child whose family income is equal to or below 75% of state median income; or

[(ii)] (B) a child who has at least one parent or legal guardian working as a full-time employee of a child care provider; and

[(b)] (ii) a progressively lower child care subsidy or grant for each tenth of a percentage

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point by which the income-eligible child's family income exceeds 75% of state median income up to 85% of state median income.

(b) The office shall make the award described in Subsection (3)(a):

(i) in accordance with applicable federal law and regulation; and

(ii) subject to available federal funds.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) On or before June 30, 2023, and subject to Subsection ~~[(3)(b)]~~ (4)(b), the office shall determine the amount of a child care subsidy or grant based on the income-eligible child's enrollment in child care.

(b) To qualify for a child care subsidy or grant under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (4)(a), an income-eligible child shall be enrolled in child care for a minimum of eight hours per month.

(c) On or after July 1, 2023, and subject to Subsection ~~[(3)(d)]~~ (4)(d), the office shall determine the amount of a child care subsidy or grant based on the income-eligible child's attendance in child care.

(d) To qualify for a child care subsidy or grant under Subsection ~~[(3)(e)]~~ (4)(c), an income-eligible child shall attend child care for a minimum of eight hours per month.

~~{ Section 2. Section 35A-3-213 is enacted to read:~~

~~Section 35A-3-213. Child care worker wage supplement grants.~~

~~(1) As used in this section:~~

~~(a) "Capacity limit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-401.~~

~~(b) "Child care provider" means an entity that holds a license or certificate from the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 4, Child Care Licensing.~~

~~(2) Subject to availability of funds, the office shall create and administer a child care worker wage supplement grant program as described in this section.~~

~~(3) A child care provider who enrolls 50% or more of the child care provider's capacity limit with children who receive a child care subsidy or grant, as described in Section 35A-3-209, is eligible to receive a child care worker wage supplement grant.~~

~~(4) A child care provider who receives a child care worker wage supplement grant from the office shall use funds from the grant to:~~

~~(a) increase the hourly wage of:~~

~~(i) an employee of the child care provider; or~~

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~~—— (ii) if the child care provider is owned and operated by a single individual, the individual, or~~

~~—— (b) provide employee benefits to an employee of the child care provider.~~

~~—— (5) The office shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish criteria and procedures for applying for and awarding grants under this section, including reporting requirements from a grant recipient after a grant is awarded.~~

~~—— (6) For a fiscal year in which the office issues a grant under this section, the office shall submit to the department, for inclusion in the department's annual written report described in Section 35A-1-109, a report that provides a complete accounting of the funds expended by the office under this section during the fiscal year.~~

‡ Section ~~{3}~~2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.