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HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9D.11: Extend Compensation Grants for Child Care Programs

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 9D.11 of S.L. 2023-134

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OVERVIEW: Section 9D.11 of S.L. 2023-134 amends Section 9L.2(b) of S.L. 2021-180, as amended by Section 9L.2(a) of S.L. 2022-74 as follows:

- *Provides that \$503,793,711 in nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funds received under ARPA by the Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services, must be allocated as follows:*
 - *Up to \$274 million of the funds must be used as follows:*
 - *Up to \$206 million and no more than \$215 million must be used to reduce the waitlist for subsidized child care of children in foster care.*
 - *Reducing the waitlist for subsidized child care for children not in foster care is to be addressed, after the waitlist for children in foster care is addressed.*
 - *A portion of these funds must be used to extend the compensation grants under the child care stabilization grants authorized under Section 3.2(a) of S.L. 2021-25, until these funds are exhausted.*
 - *Up to \$207,777,789 of the funds may be used to increase the supply of qualified teachers by providing bonuses and other programs such as fast-track programs.*

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

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