

E2SSB 5237 - H AMD TO CYF COMM AMD (H-1378.1/21) **658**

By Representative Eslick

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1 On page 29, after line 20 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 315. SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE DESERTS. (1)
4 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
5 specific purpose, the department shall establish a grant program to
6 expand child care in child care deserts. Grants must be used for
7 one-time costs associated with the opening of a child care site,
8 including program costs, for providers who are newly licensed or are
9 in the process of becoming licensed.

10 (2) The department must use the child care industry insights
11 dashboard from the child care industry assessment as a tool to
12 identify areas in which additional investments are needed in order
13 to expand existing child care capacity to meet family demand and
14 reduce child care deserts.

15 (3) This section expires June 30, 2026."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families
to establish a grant program to expand child care in child care
deserts.

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