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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the sabbatical year for three year
2 olds in the early childhood education and assistance program; and
3 amending RCW 43.216.505.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.216.505 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 210 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout RCW 43.216.500 through 43.216.559,
9 43.216.900, and 43.216.901.

10 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee under RCW
11 43.216.520.

12 (2) "Approved programs" means those state-supported education and
13 special assistance programs which are recognized by the department as
14 meeting the minimum program rules adopted by the department to
15 qualify under RCW 43.216.500 through 43.216.550, 43.216.900, and
16 43.216.901 and are designated as eligible for funding by the
17 department under RCW 43.216.530 and 43.216.540.

18 (3) "Comprehensive" means an assistance program that focuses on
19 the needs of the child and includes education, health, and family
20 support services.

1 (4) (a) "Eligible child" means a child not eligible for
2 kindergarten who meets one of the following criteria:

3 (i) Whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of
4 the federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal
5 department of health and human services, and includes a child whose
6 family is eligible for public assistance, and who is not a
7 participant in a federal or state program providing comprehensive
8 services;

9 (ii) A child eligible for special education due to disability
10 under RCW 28A.155.020;

11 (iii) A child who has received early intervention services in the
12 early support for infants and toddlers program and is at least thirty
13 months old by August 31st of the school year;

14 (iv) A child who has been a participant in the early head start
15 or successor federal program providing comprehensive services for
16 children from birth through two years of age and is at least thirty
17 months old by August 31st of the school year; and

18 (v) May include children who are eligible under rules adopted by
19 the department if the number of such children equals not more than
20 ten percent of the total enrollment in the early childhood program.

21 (b) Children eligible under (a)(iii) of this subsection may
22 enroll in the early childhood education and assistance program at any
23 point during the school year.

24 (c) Priority for enrollment shall be given to children from
25 families with the lowest income, children in foster care, or to
26 eligible children from families with multiple needs.

27 (5) "Family support services" means providing opportunities for
28 parents to:

29 (a) Actively participate in their child's early childhood
30 program;

31 (b) Increase their knowledge of child development and parenting
32 skills;

33 (c) Further their education and training;

34 (d) Increase their ability to use needed services in the
35 community;

36 (e) Increase their self-reliance.

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