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By House Human Services & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Senn, Griffey, McCaslin, Frame, Chandler, Kilduff, Lovick, Appleton, Eslick, and Reeves)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the cost of child care
2 regulations work group; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.216
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The cost of child care regulations work group is established.
8 The work group must study: (a) The financial impacts of department
9 licensing regulations on child care businesses; (b) direct and
10 indirect financial costs to child care providers that are associated
11 with participation in the early achievers quality rating system; and
12 (c) benefits to providers associated with participation in the early
13 achievers quality rating system. The study must review available
14 health, safety, and education outcome data for children and families
15 engaged in early achievers programs when analyzing the costs and
16 benefits associated with provider participation in the early
17 achievers quality rating system. The study must include an analysis
18 of costs associated with licensing and early achievers requirements
19 that may have a disproportionate economic impact on child care
20 businesses located in rural areas of the state.

1 (2) (a) The secretary of the department or his or her designee
2 shall convene the first meeting of the work group by July 1, 2019.
3 The work group must meet at least five times between July 1, 2019,
4 and November 30, 2019, and must convene at least two meetings of
5 those meetings in locations east of the crest of the Cascade
6 mountains.

7 (b) The work group must consist of the following twelve voting
8 members:

9 (i) Three licensed family home child care providers selected by a
10 statewide organization representing the interests of family child
11 care providers. At least one family home child care provider must
12 provide child care for children of agricultural workers, speak
13 Spanish as a first language, or be located east of the crest of the
14 Cascade mountains;

15 (ii) Three licensed child care center providers selected by a
16 statewide organization representing the interests of licensed child
17 care centers. At least one child care center provider must provide
18 child care for children of agricultural workers, speak Spanish as a
19 first language, or be located east of the crest of the Cascade
20 mountains;

21 (iii) Two foster parents selected by a statewide organization
22 solely focused on supporting foster parents. At least one foster
23 parent must reside east of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and

24 (iv) Four legislators, consisting of two members of the house of
25 representatives and two members of the senate. The speaker of the
26 house of representatives shall appoint one member to the work group
27 from each of the two largest caucuses in the house of
28 representatives. The president of the senate shall appoint one member
29 to the work group from each of the two largest caucuses in the
30 senate.

31 (3) The work group shall elect its cochair, one from among the
32 legislative members and one from among the citizen members.

33 (4) The work group may seek input or collaborate with other
34 parties as it deems necessary. The work group may contract with
35 additional persons who have specific technical expertise if such
36 expertise is necessary to carry out the mandates of the study. The
37 work group may enter into such a contract only if an appropriation is
38 specifically provided for this purpose.

39 (5) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for
40 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative

1 members must be reimbursed for travel expenses according to chapter
2 43.03 RCW.

3 (6) Staff support for the work group shall be provided by the
4 department.

5 (7) By December 31, 2019, the work group must submit its findings
6 and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of
7 the legislature.

8 (8) This section expires January 10, 2020.

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