

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6226**

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SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE--AUTHORIZATION PERIODS

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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 30, 2012, 1:31 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE  
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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6226** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Harper, Regala, Zarelli, Fain, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, and Keiser)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/12.

1            AN ACT Relating to authorization periods for subsidized child care;  
2 amending RCW 43.215.135; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW;  
3 and providing an effective date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 42 s 11 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7            (1) The department shall establish and implement policies in the  
8 working connections child care program to promote stability and quality  
9 of care for children from low-income households. Policies for the  
10 expenditure of funds constituting the working connections child care  
11 program must be consistent with the outcome measures defined in RCW  
12 74.08A.410 and the standards established in this section intended to  
13 promote continuity of care for children.

14            (2) As a condition of receiving a child care subsidy or a working  
15 connections child care subsidy, the applicant or recipient must seek  
16 child support enforcement services from the department of social and  
17 health services, division of child support, unless the department finds  
18 that the applicant or recipient has good cause not to cooperate.

1           ~~(3) ((Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, an~~  
2 ~~applicant or recipient of a child care subsidy or a working connections~~  
3 ~~child care subsidy is eligible to receive that subsidy for six months~~  
4 ~~before having to recertify his or her income eligibility. The six-~~  
5 ~~month certification provision applies only if enrollments in the child~~  
6 ~~care subsidy or working connections child care program are capped.~~

7           ~~(4)) Beginning in fiscal year ((2011, for families with children~~  
8 ~~enrolled in an early childhood education and assistance program, a head~~  
9 ~~start program, or an early head start program)) 2013, authorizations~~  
10 ~~for the working connections child care subsidy shall be effective for~~  
11 ~~twelve months unless a change in circumstances necessitates~~  
12 ~~reauthorization sooner than twelve months. The \_\_ twelve-month~~  
13 ~~certification applies only if the enrollments in the child care subsidy~~  
14 ~~or working connections child care program are capped.~~

15           ~~((5) The department, in consultation with the department of social~~  
16 ~~and health services, shall report to the legislature by September 1,~~  
17 ~~2011, with:~~

18           ~~(a) An analysis of the impact of the twelve month authorization~~  
19 ~~period — on — the — stability — of — child — care, — program — costs, — and~~  
20 ~~administrative savings; and~~

21           ~~(b) Recommendations for expanding the application of the twelve-~~  
22 ~~month authorization period to additional populations of children in~~  
23 ~~care.))~~

24           NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26           When an applicant or recipient applies for or receives working  
27 connections child care benefits, he or she is required to:

28           (1) Notify the department of social and health services, within  
29 five days, of any change in providers; and

30           (2) Notify the department of social and health services, within ten  
31 days, about any significant change related to the number of child care  
32 hours the applicant or recipient needs, cost sharing, or eligibility.

33           NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

          Passed by the Senate March 6, 2012.

          Passed by the House February 29, 2012.

          Approved by the Governor March 30, 2012.

          Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 30, 2012.