

**SSB 6181 - S AMD 459**

By Senator Hargrove

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.135 and 2013 c 323 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

13 (2) The department shall establish and implement policies to train  
14 staff on child care subsidy fraud, including:

15 (a) Methods to detect suspected child care subsidy fraud;

16 (b) The department's procedures for reporting suspected child care  
17 subsidy fraud to the office of fraud and accountability; and

18 (c) The office of fraud and accountability's procedures for  
19 reporting child care subsidy fraud anonymously.

20 (3) To incentivize a working connections child care subsidy  
21 applicant or recipient to seek child support enforcement services from  
22 the department of social and health services, division of child  
23 support, the department of social and health services shall waive the  
24 child care copayment for one month for applicants or recipients who  
25 seek child support enforcement services for the first time and have  
26 not already done so as required by other public assistance programs.

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1 (4) Beginning in fiscal year 2013, authorizations for the working  
2 connections child care subsidy shall be effective for twelve months  
3 unless a change in circumstances necessitates reauthorization sooner  
4 than twelve months. Seeking child support enforcement services for  
5 the first time under subsection (3) constitutes a change in  
6 circumstances. The twelve-month certification applies only if the  
7 enrollments in the child care subsidy or working connections child  
8 care program are capped.

9 ((+3-)) (5) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated  
10 for this specific purpose, beginning September 1, 2013, working  
11 connections child care providers shall receive a five percent increase  
12 in the subsidy rate for enrolling in level 2 in the early achievers  
13 programs. Providers must complete level 2 and advance to level 3  
14 within thirty months in order to maintain this increase.

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EFFECT: Provides a copayment incentive for a working  
connections child care subsidy applicant or recipient who seeks  
child support enforcement services for the first time.

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