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CHAPTER 156
HOUSE BILL 2449

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 46-805, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD CARE SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 46-805, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 46-805. Child care assistance; rates; definitions

5 A. The department shall establish payment rates for child care
6 assistance. Payment rates shall provide for equal access for eligible
7 families to comparable child care services provided to families who are
8 not eligible to receive child care assistance.

9 B. Payment rates shall be identical in form for all child care
10 assistance.

11 C. The department may pay different levels of child care assistance
12 according to the category of child care provider, age of children,
13 geographic area, level of national accreditation or another state-approved
14 quality indicator, varying child care costs for children with special
15 needs or other circumstances to meet the child care needs of eligible
16 families.

17 D. EACH FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY AT LEAST
18 THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF QUALITY SET-ASIDE MONIES FOR TIERED REIMBURSEMENT
19 OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT MEET THE QUALITY STANDARD.

20 ~~D.~~ E. The department shall establish a sliding fee scale and
21 formula for determining child care assistance based on:

22 1. Income and earnings of the family.

23 2. Family size.

24 3. Number of children receiving child care assistance.

25 4. Child support to other minor dependent children of the parent
26 living outside the family unit.

27 5. Income and earnings of a family member who is at least eighteen
28 years of age and who is residing in the home with a parent who is
29 receiving child care assistance, if the family member claims any member of
30 a family unit applying for assistance as a dependent on a federal or state
31 income tax return.

32 6. Income and earnings of a nonfamily member who is at least
33 eighteen years of age and who is residing in the home of and cohabiting
34 with a parent who is receiving child care assistance if the cohabiting
35 nonfamily member claims any member of a family unit applying for
36 assistance as a dependent on a federal or state income tax return.

37 7. Other factors of a similar nature.

38 ~~E.~~ F. All child care providers shall remain in good standing with
39 licensing and certification laws and adopted rules.

40 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

41 1. "QUALITY SET-ASIDE MONIES" MEANS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL
42 CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND MONIES THAT MUST BE USED FOR ACTIVITIES
43 THAT DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

44 (a) IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE SERVICES.

1 (b) INCREASE PARENTAL OPTIONS FOR AND ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CHILD
2 CARE.

3 (c) RELATE TO THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS.

4 2. "QUALITY STANDARD" MEANS ACCREDITATION FROM A NATIONAL
5 ORGANIZATION OR A STATE-APPROVED QUALITY INDICATOR THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY
6 THE DEPARTMENT.

7 3. "TIERED REIMBURSEMENT" MEANS A CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM THAT
8 IS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT PROVIDES HIGHER PAYMENTS FOR CHILD
9 CARE SERVICES THAT MEET HIGHER QUALITY STANDARDS.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 10, 2018.

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