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SYNOPSIS

Establishes a child care costs reimbursement grant program in DCF; appropriates \$500,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/21/2020)

1 AN ACT establishing a child care costs reimbursement grant
2 program in the Department of Children and Families,
3 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, and making an
4 appropriation.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. As used in this act:

10 “Eligible parent or guardian” means an individual who: (1) is
11 employed full-time or part-time; and (2) has a child who is enrolled
12 or will be enrolled in a child care center licensed pursuant to the
13 provisions of P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) as a result of the
14 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.

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16 2. a. There is established in the Department of Children and
17 Families a grant program in which an eligible parent or guardian
18 with a child who is enrolled or will be enrolled in a child care
19 center licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1983, c.492
20 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) as a result of school closures or the use of
21 virtual or remote school instruction due to the coronavirus disease
22 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency shall be reimbursed for
23 child care tuition costs incurred by the parent or guardian.

24 b. The grant program established pursuant to subsection a. of
25 this section shall be funded from monies appropriated thereto by
26 section 4 of this act, and any other monies as may be appropriated
27 or otherwise made available for that purpose.

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29 3. a. An eligible parent or guardian who wishes to participate in
30 the grant program established under section 2 this act shall submit
31 an application to the Commissioner of Children and Families, in a
32 manner and on forms as determined by the commissioner.

33 b. The commissioner shall:

34 (1) establish selection criteria for awarding grants under the
35 program;

36 (2) award grants under the program based upon review of the
37 applications and subject to the limit of funds appropriated or
38 otherwise made available for the program;

39 (3) allocate the approved grant funds to each eligible parent or
40 guardian participating in the program in a timely manner; and

41 (4) establish the amount of each grant awarded for an eligible
42 parent or guardian.

43 c. The grant awarded to an eligible parent or guardian pursuant
44 to subsection b. of this section shall be used to reimburse child care
45 tuition costs incurred by the parent or guardian who are required to
46 enroll their child in a licensed child care center as a result of school
47 closures or the use of virtual or remote school instruction due to the
48 COVID-19 public health emergency.

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2 health emergency.

3 As used in the bill, “eligible parent or guardian” means an
4 individual who: is employed full-time or part-time; and has a child
5 who is enrolled or will be enrolled in a child care center licensed
6 pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) as
7 a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.