

AMENDMENTS TO LB904

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) The Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant
4 Program is created. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
5 three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year
6 2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants
7 pursuant to this section.

8 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
9 requirements for eligibility, application, and audits for grants in
10 collaboration with statewide associations representing nursing homes as
11 defined in section 38-2414 and other stakeholders. The department shall
12 meet with such associations prior to October 1, 2024, to identify any
13 statutes, rules, regulations, or other regulatory barriers that impede
14 the development of an intergenerational care facility in which nursing
15 services and child care are provided and develop recommendations to
16 remediate such barriers that do not impact the safety of the staff or
17 recipients of the nursing services and child care or the quality of
18 nursing services and child care.

19 (3) The grants shall be awarded to facilities that are nursing homes
20 as defined in section 38-2414 or assisted-living facilities as defined in
21 section 71-5903 and that have been certified for participation in
22 medicare or medicaid. The grants shall be used for one-time startup costs
23 to provide for child care in such facilities. A facility may be awarded
24 one grant under this section of up to one hundred thousand dollars. The
25 grants shall be awarded for modification of structures, modification of
26 outside campus space of the nursing facilities, purchase of child care
27 equipment and supplies, or any combination of such purposes. A facility

1 that is applying for or awarded a grant is not required to own or operate
2 the child care services for which the grant is awarded.

3 (4) The department shall award the grants on the basis of date of
4 application with priority given to rural communities as defined in
5 section 81-1228 for applications filed on the same date. A facility that
6 was cited for substandard quality of care during its most recent survey
7 is not eligible for a grant under this section. Each grant recipient
8 shall establish a plan to participate in the quality rating and
9 improvement system described in section 71-1956 within three years after
10 the date the grant is awarded.

11 Sec. 2. Section 43-536, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2022, is amended to read:

13 43-536 In determining the rate of reimbursement for child care, the
14 Department of Health and Human Services shall assess the conduct a market
15 rates and costs for provision of services rate survey of the child care
16 providers in the state, utilizing an approved methodology in accordance
17 with 45 C.F.R. 98.45, as such section existed on January 1, 2024. The
18 department shall adjust the reimbursement rate for child care every odd-
19 numbered year at a rate not less than the ~~sixtieth percentile and not to~~
20 ~~exceed the~~ seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate ~~survey~~,
21 except that (1) nationally accredited child care providers may be
22 reimbursed at higher rates and ~~and~~ (2) an applicable child care or early
23 childhood education program, as defined in section 71-1954, that is
24 participating in the quality rating and improvement system and has
25 received a rating of step three or higher under the Step Up to Quality
26 Child Care Act may be reimbursed at higher rates based upon the program's
27 quality scale rating under the quality rating and improvement system, ~~and~~
28 ~~(3) for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017, such rate may not be~~
29 ~~less than the fiftieth percentile or the rate for the immediately~~
30 ~~preceding fiscal year and for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018,~~
31 ~~such rate may not be less than the sixtieth percentile for the last three~~

1 ~~quarters of the fiscal year or the rate for the fiscal year beginning on~~
2 ~~July 1, 2016.~~

3 Sec. 3. Original section 43-536, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.