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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Quality Child Care Act; to amend
- 2 section 43-2621, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide
- 3 for reservation of federal funds as prescribed; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-2621, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 43-2621 (1) Funds provided to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the
4 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 9857 et
5 seq., as such act and sections existed on January 1, 2015, shall be used
6 to implement the Quality Child Care Act, except as provided in
7 subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

8 (2) The Legislature finds that the reservations and allocations
9 contained in subsections (3) and (4) of this section are made pursuant to
10 the 2014 reauthorization of such federal act. The Legislature also finds
11 that such reservations and allocations are designed to improve the
12 quality of child care services and increase parental options for, and
13 access to, high-quality child care and are in alignment with its
14 comprehensive system of child care and early education programs.

15 (3)(a) Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, the Department of Health
16 and Human Services shall increase its reservation of federal funds
17 received from the child care and development block grant under such
18 federal act from four percent to seven percent for activities relating to
19 the quality of child care services. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-18, the
20 department shall increase its reservation of federal funds received from
21 such block grant from seven percent to eight percent for activities
22 relating to the quality of child care services. Beginning in fiscal year
23 2019-20, the department shall increase its reservation of federal funds
24 received from such block grant from eight percent to nine percent for
25 activities relating to the quality of child care services.

26 (b) In addition to the percentages reserved in subsection (3)(a) of
27 this section for activities relating to the quality of child care
28 services, beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, the department shall reserve
29 three percent of the federal funds received from such block grant for
30 activities relating to the quality of care for infants and toddlers.

31 (4)(a) For fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, six percent of the

1 federal funds received from such block grant shall be allocated to the
2 Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund created pursuant to section
3 79-1104.01 to provide grants to programs described in section 79-1104.02
4 that enter into agreements with child care providers.

5 (b) For fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, seven percent of the
6 federal funds received from such block grant shall be allocated to the
7 Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund created pursuant to section
8 79-1104.01 to provide grants to programs described in section 79-1104.02
9 that enter into agreements with child care providers.

10 (c) For fiscal year 2019-20 and each fiscal year thereafter, eight
11 percent of the federal funds received from such block grant shall be
12 allocated to the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund created
13 pursuant to section 79-1104.01 to provide grants to programs described in
14 section 79-1104.02 that enter into agreements with child care providers.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 43-2621, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is repealed.