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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Child Care Executive
 3 Partnership; amending s. 409.178, F.S.;
 4 conforming title of the partnership program;
 5 revising family income eligibility
 6 requirements; revising membership of the
 7 partnership; authorizing administration of
 8 child care purchasing pool funds by the state
 9 resource and referral agency; providing for
 10 development of procedures for disbursement of
 11 funds through the child care purchasing pools;
 12 deleting references to pilot child care
 13 purchasing pools; revising parent fee
 14 requirements; providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), (4), and (5) of
 19 section 409.178, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20 409.178 Child Care Partnership Act; findings and
 21 intent; grant; limitation; rules.--

22 (1) This section may be cited as the "Child Care
 23 Executive Partnership Act."

24 (3) There is created a body politic and corporate
 25 known as the Child Care Executive Partnership which shall
 26 establish and govern the Child Care Executive Partnership
 27 Program. The purpose of the Child Care Executive Partnership
 28 Program is to utilize state and federal funds as incentives
 29 for matching local funds derived from local governments,
 30 employers, charitable foundations, and other sources, so that
 31 Florida communities may create local flexible partnerships

1 with employers. The Child Care Executive Partnership Program
2 funds shall be used at the discretion of local communities to
3 meet the needs of ~~local communities in addressing the child~~
4 ~~care needs of~~ working parents. A child care purchasing pool
5 shall be developed with the state, federal, and local funds to
6 provide subsidies to low-income working parents whose family
7 income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty
8 level, ~~who are eligible for subsidized child care~~ with a
9 dollar-for-dollar match from employers, local government, and
10 other matching contributions ~~contributors~~. The funds used from
11 the child care purchasing pool must be used to supplement or
12 extend the use of existing public or private funds and may not
13 be used to supplant the maintenance of effort presently
14 exerted's by the employer or other participant in the activity
15 funded.

16 (4) The Child Care Executive Partnership, staffed by
17 the department, shall consist of:

18 (a) a representative of the Executive Office of the
19 Governor; and;

20 (b) nine members of the corporate or child care
21 community, appointed by the Governor, , ~~to be known hereafter~~
22 ~~as the "board."~~

23 (c) ~~One representative from each of the 10 Child Care~~
24 ~~Partnership Program pilot purchasing pool counties established~~
25 ~~by the board, known hereafter as the "oversight group."~~

26 (a) 1. ~~Members of the board~~ shall serve for a period of
27 4 years, except that;

28 ~~2.~~ ~~Members of the oversight group and the~~
29 representative of the Executive Office of the Governor shall
30 serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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1 **(b)3.** The Child Care Executive Partnership shall be
2 chaired by a member chosen by a majority vote ~~of the board~~ and
3 shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call
4 of the chair.

5 **(c)4.** Members shall serve without compensation, but
6 may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in
7 accordance with s. 112.061.

8 **(d)5.** The Child Care Executive Partnership shall have
9 all the powers and authority, not explicitly prohibited by
10 statute, necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes of
11 this section, as well as the functions, duties, and
12 responsibilities of the partnership, including, but not
13 limited to, the following:

14 **1.a.** Assisting in the formulation and coordination of
15 the state's child care policy.

16 **2.b.** Adopting an official seal.

17 **3.c.** Soliciting, accepting, receiving, investing, and
18 expending funds from public or private sources.

19 **4.d.** Contracting with public or private entities as
20 necessary.

21 **5.e.** Approving an annual budget.

22 **6.f.** Carrying forward any unexpended state
23 appropriations into succeeding fiscal years.

24 **7.g.** Providing a report to the Governor, the Speaker
25 of the House of Representatives, and the President of the
26 Senate, on or before December 1 of each year.

27 **(5)(a)** The Legislature shall annually determine the
28 amount of state or federal low-income child care moneys which
29 shall be used to create Child Care Executive Partnership
30 Program child care purchasing pools in counties chosen by ~~the~~
31 ~~board of the Child Care Executive Partnership through June 30,~~

1 ~~1998~~, provided that at least two of the counties have
2 populations of no more than 300,000. ~~After that date,~~The
3 Legislature shall annually review the effectiveness of the
4 child care purchasing pool program and reevaluate the
5 percentage of additional state or federal funds, if any, that
6 can be used for the program's expansion.

7 (b) To ensure a seamless service delivery and ease of
8 access for families, the community coordinated child care
9 agencies or the state resource and referral agency shall
10 administer the child care purchasing pool funds.

11 (c) The department, in conjunction with the Child Care
12 Executive Partnership, shall develop procedures for
13 disbursement of funds through the ~~shall issue a request for~~
14 ~~proposal for the operation of the pilot~~ child care purchasing
15 pools. In order to be considered for funding, the community
16 coordinated child care agency or the statewide resource and
17 referral agency must commit to:

18 1. Matching the state ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool funds on a
19 dollar-for-dollar basis; and

20 2. Expending only those public funds which are matched
21 by employers, local government, and other matching
22 contributors who contribute to the ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool.
23 Parents shall also pay a fee, which shall be not less than the
24 amount identified in ~~based upon~~ the department's subsidized
25 child care sliding fee scale.

26 (d) Each community coordinated child care agency shall
27 be required to establish a community child care task force for
28 each ~~pilot~~ child care purchasing pool. The task force must be
29 composed of employers, parents, private child care providers,
30 and one representative each from the district interagency
31 coordinating council for children's services and the local

1 children's services council, if they exist in the area of the
2 ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. The community coordinated child care
3 agency is expected to recruit the task force members from
4 existing child care councils, commissions, or task forces
5 already operating in the area of a ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool. A
6 majority of the task force shall consist of employers. Each
7 task force shall develop a plan for the use of child care
8 purchasing pool funds. The plan must show how many children
9 will be served by the ~~pilot~~ purchasing pool, how many will be
10 new to receiving child care services, and how the community
11 coordinated child care agency intends to attract new employers
12 and their employees to the program ~~pilot project~~.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
14 year in which enacted.

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17 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

18 Renames the "Child Care Partnership Program" as the
19 "Child Care Executive Partnership Program." Provides
20 eligibility for families with incomes at or below 200
21 percent of federal poverty level. Authorizes
22 administration of child care purchasing pool funds by the
23 state resource and referral agency, as well as the
24 community coordinated child care agencies. Directs the
25 Department of Children and Family Services to develop
26 procedures for disbursement of funds through the child
27 care purchasing pools. Requires parent fees to be at
28 least equal to the amounts on the subsidized child care
29 sliding fee scale. Removes references to pilot child care
30 purchasing pools. Eliminates the "oversight group"
31 members of the partnership, representing the counties
with pilot purchasing pools.