

By Senators Mitchell, Dawson and Kurth

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to child care; amending s.
402.3015, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria
for specified subsidized child care; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section
402.3015, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
402.3015 Subsidized child care program; purpose; fees;
contracts.--

(1) The purpose of the subsidized child care program
is to provide quality child care to enhance the development,
including language, cognitive, motor, social, and self-help
skills of children who are at risk of abuse or neglect and
children of low-income families, and to promote financial
self-sufficiency and life skills for the families of these
children, unless prohibited by federal law. Priority for
participation in the subsidized child care program shall be
accorded to children under 13 years of age who are:

(a) Determined to be at risk of abuse, neglect, or
exploitation and who are currently clients of the department's
Children and Families Program Office;

(b) Children at risk of welfare dependency, including
children of participants in the WAGES Program, children of
migrant farmworkers, children of teen parents, and children
from other families at risk of welfare dependency due to a
family income of less than 200 ~~100~~ percent of the federal
poverty level;

1 (c) Children of working families whose family income
2 is equal to or greater than 100 percent, but does not exceed
3 200 ~~150~~ percent, of the federal poverty level; and

4 (d) Children of working families enrolled in the Child
5 Care Executive Partnership Program whose family income does
6 not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

7 (4) A child who is eligible for child care under this
8 section may continue to participate in the subsidized child
9 care program, if the family's income does not exceed 200 ~~185~~
10 percent of the federal poverty level.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Raises the percentage limitation on maximum family income
16 received in relation to the federal poverty level for
17 purposes of eligibility for specified subsidized child
18 care.
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