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Senate

House

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Representative McFarland offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 55-699 and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (3), (8), (9), and (11) of section 402.302, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

402.302 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(3) "Child care personnel" means all owners, operators, employees, and volunteers working in a child care facility. The term does not include persons who work in a child care facility after hours when children are not present or parents of children in a child care facility. For purposes of screening, the term includes any member, over the age of 12 years, of a child care

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14 facility operator's family, or person, over the age of 12 years,
15 residing with a child care facility operator if the child care
16 facility is located in or adjacent to the home of the operator
17 or if the family member of, or person residing with, the child
18 care facility operator has any direct contact with the children
19 in the facility during its hours of operation. Members of the
20 operator's family or persons residing with the operator who are
21 between the ages of 12 years and 18 years are not required to be
22 fingerprinted but must be screened for delinquency records. For
23 purposes of screening, the term also includes persons who work
24 in child care programs that provide care for children 15 hours
25 or more each week in public or nonpublic schools, family child
26 ~~day~~ care homes, membership organizations under s. 402.301, or
27 programs otherwise exempted under s. 402.316. The term does not
28 include public or nonpublic school personnel who are providing
29 care during regular school hours, or after hours for activities
30 related to a school's program for grades kindergarten through
31 12. A volunteer who assists on an intermittent basis for less
32 than 10 hours per month is not included in the term "personnel"
33 for the purposes of screening and training if a person who meets
34 the screening requirement of s. 402.305(2) is always present and
35 has the volunteer in his or her line of sight. Students who
36 observe and participate in a child care facility as a part of
37 their required coursework are not considered child care
38 personnel, provided such observation and participation are on an

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39 intermittent basis and a person who meets the screening
40 requirement of s. 402.305(2) is always present and has the
41 student in his or her line of sight.

42 (8) "Family child ~~day~~ care home" means an occupied
43 residence in which child care is regularly provided for children
44 from at least two unrelated families and which receives a
45 payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care,
46 whether or not operated for profit. Household children under 13
47 years of age, when on the premises of the family child ~~day~~ care
48 home or on a field trip with children enrolled in child care,
49 shall be included in the overall capacity of the licensed home.
50 A family child ~~day~~ care home shall be allowed to provide care
51 for one of the following groups of children, which shall include
52 household children under 13 years of age:

53 (a) A maximum of four children from birth to 12 months of
54 age.

55 (b) A maximum of three children from birth to 12 months of
56 age, and other children, for a maximum total of six children.

57 (c) A maximum of six preschool children if all are older
58 than 12 months of age.

59 (d) A maximum of 10 children if no more than 5 are
60 preschool age and, of those 5, no more than 2 are under 12
61 months of age.

62 (9) "Household children" means children who are related by
63 blood, marriage, or legal adoption to, or who are the legal

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64 wards of, the family child day care home operator, the large
65 family child care home operator, or an adult household member
66 who permanently or temporarily resides in the home. Supervision
67 of the operator's household children shall be left to the
68 discretion of the operator unless those children receive
69 subsidized child care through the school readiness program
70 pursuant to s. 1002.92 to be in the home.

71 (11) "Large family child care home" means an occupied
72 residence in which child care is regularly provided for children
73 from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment,
74 fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or
75 not operated for profit, and which has at least two full-time
76 child care personnel on the premises during the hours of
77 operation. One of the two full-time child care personnel must be
78 the owner or occupant of the residence. A large family child
79 care home must first have operated as a licensed family child
80 day care home for 2 years, with an operator who has had a child
81 development associate credential or its equivalent for 1 year,
82 before seeking licensure as a large family child care home.
83 Household children under 13 years of age, when on the premises
84 of the large family child care home or on a field trip with
85 children enrolled in child care, shall be included in the
86 overall capacity of the licensed home. A large family child care
87 home shall be allowed to provide care for one of the following

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88 groups of children, which shall include household children under
89 13 years of age:

90 (a) A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of
91 age.

92 (b) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children
93 under 24 months of age.

94 **Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (a)**
95 **of subsection (7), and paragraph (a) of subsection (17) of**
96 **section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

97 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

98 (2) PERSONNEL.—Minimum standards for child care personnel
99 shall include minimum requirements as to:

100 (a) Good moral character based upon screening as defined
101 in s. 402.302 ~~s. 402.302(15)~~. This screening shall be conducted
102 as provided in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for
103 screening provided in that chapter, and include employment
104 history checks, a search of criminal history records, sexual
105 predator and sexual offender registries, and child abuse and
106 neglect registry of any state in which the current or
107 prospective child care personnel resided during the preceding 5
108 years. The department shall complete the screening and provide
109 the results to the child care facility within 3 business days
110 from the receipt of the criminal history record check. If the
111 department is unable to complete the screening within 3 business
112 days, the department shall issue the current or prospective

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113 child care personnel a 45-day provisional-hire status while all
114 required information is being requested and the department is
115 awaiting results unless the department has reason to believe a
116 disqualifying factor may exist. During the 45-day period, the
117 current or prospective child care personnel must be under the
118 direct supervision of a screened and trained staff member when
119 in contact with children.

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121 The department may grant limited exemptions to the minimum
122 standards provided in this subsection which authorize a person
123 to work in a specified role or with a specified population.

124 (7) SANITATION AND SAFETY.—

125 (a) Minimum standards must include requirements for
126 sanitary and safety conditions, first aid treatment, emergency
127 procedures, and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The
128 minimum standards must require that ~~at least~~ one staff person
129 trained in person in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as evidenced
130 by current documentation of course completion, be present at all
131 times that children are present.

132 (17) TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.—

133 (a) One week prior to the transfer of ownership of a child
134 care facility or family child ~~day~~ care home, the transferor
135 shall notify the parent or caretaker of each child of the
136 impending transfer.

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137 **Section 3. Section 402.313, Florida Statutes, is amended**
138 **to read:**

139 402.313 Family child ~~day~~ care homes.-

140 (1) Family child ~~day~~ care homes shall be licensed under
141 this act if they are presently being licensed under an existing
142 county licensing ordinance or if the board of county
143 commissioners passes a resolution that family child ~~day~~ care
144 homes be licensed.

145 (a) If not subject to license, family child ~~day~~ care homes
146 shall register annually with the department, providing the
147 following information:

148 1. The name and address of the home.

149 2. The name of the operator.

150 3. The number of children served.

151 4. Proof of a written plan to provide at least one other
152 competent adult to be available to substitute for the operator
153 in an emergency. This plan shall include the name, address, and
154 telephone number of the designated substitute.

155 5. Proof of screening and background checks.

156 6. Proof of successful completion of the 30-hour training
157 course, as evidenced by passage of a competency examination,
158 which shall include:

159 a. State and local rules and regulations that govern child
160 care.

161 b. Health, safety, and nutrition.

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- 162 c. Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.
- 163 d. Child development, including typical and atypical
164 language development; and cognitive, motor, social, and self-
165 help skills development.
- 166 e. Observation of developmental behaviors, including using
167 a checklist or other similar observation tools and techniques to
168 determine a child's developmental level.
- 169 f. Specialized areas, including early literacy and
170 language development of children from birth to 5 years of age,
171 as determined by the department, for owner-operators of family
172 child day care homes.
- 173 7. Proof that immunization records are kept current.
- 174 8. Proof of completion of the required continuing
175 education units or clock hours.
- 176 (b) A family child day care home may volunteer to be
177 licensed under this act.
- 178 (c) The department may provide technical assistance to
179 counties and family child day care home providers to enable
180 counties and family child day care providers to achieve
181 compliance with family child day care homes standards.
- 182 (2) This information shall be included in a directory to
183 be published annually by the department to inform the public of
184 available child care facilities.
- 185 (3) Child care personnel in family child day care homes
186 shall be subject to the applicable screening provisions

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187 contained in ss. 402.305(2) and 402.3055. For purposes of
188 screening in family child ~~day~~ care homes, the term includes any
189 member over the age of 12 years of a family child ~~day~~ care home
190 operator's family, or persons over the age of 12 years residing
191 with the operator in the family child ~~day~~ care home. Members of
192 the operator's family, or persons residing with the operator,
193 who are between the ages of 12 years and 18 years shall not be
194 required to be fingerprinted, but shall be screened for
195 delinquency records.

196 (4) Operators of family child ~~day~~ care homes must
197 successfully complete an approved 30-clock-hour introductory
198 course in child care, as evidenced by passage of a competency
199 examination, before caring for children.

200 (5) In order to further develop their child care skills
201 and, if appropriate, their administrative skills, operators of
202 family child ~~day~~ care homes shall be required to complete an
203 additional 1 continuing education unit of approved training or
204 10 clock hours of equivalent training, as determined by the
205 department, annually.

206 (6) Operators of family child ~~day~~ care homes shall be
207 required to complete 0.5 continuing education unit of approved
208 training in early literacy and language development of children
209 from birth to 5 years of age one time. The year that this
210 training is completed, it shall fulfill the 0.5 continuing

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211 education unit or 5 clock hours of the annual training required
212 in subsection (5).

213 (7) Operators of family child day care homes shall be
214 required annually to complete a health and safety home
215 inspection self-evaluation checklist developed by the department
216 in conjunction with the statewide resource and referral program.
217 The completed checklist shall be signed by the operator of the
218 family child day care home and provided to parents as
219 certification that basic health and safety standards are being
220 met.

221 (8) Family child day care home operators may avail
222 themselves of supportive services offered by the department.

223 (9) The department shall prepare a brochure on family
224 child day care for distribution by the department and by local
225 licensing agencies, if appropriate, to family child day care
226 homes for distribution to parents utilizing such child care, and
227 to all interested persons, including physicians and other health
228 professionals; mental health professionals; school teachers or
229 other school personnel; social workers or other professional
230 child care, foster care, residential, or institutional workers;
231 and law enforcement officers. The brochure shall, at a minimum,
232 contain the following information:

233 (a) A brief description of the requirements for family
234 child day care registration, training, and fingerprinting and
235 screening.

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236 (b) A listing of those counties that require licensure of
237 family child day care homes. Such counties shall provide an
238 addendum to the brochure that provides a brief description of
239 the licensure requirements or may provide a brochure in lieu of
240 the one described in this subsection, provided it contains all
241 the required information on licensure and the required
242 information in the subsequent paragraphs.

243 (c) A statement indicating that information about the
244 family child day care home's compliance with applicable state or
245 local requirements can be obtained by telephoning the department
246 office or the office of the local licensing agency, if
247 appropriate, at a telephone number or numbers which shall be
248 affixed to the brochure.

249 (d) The statewide toll-free telephone number of the
250 central abuse hotline, together with a notice that reports of
251 suspected and actual child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and
252 neglect are received and referred for investigation by the
253 hotline.

254 (e) Any other information relating to competent child care
255 that the department or local licensing agency, if preparing a
256 separate brochure, deems would be helpful to parents and other
257 caretakers in their selection of a family child day care home.

258 (10) On an annual basis, the department shall evaluate the
259 registration and licensure system for family child day care

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260 homes. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, address the
261 following:

262 (a) The number of family child day care homes registered
263 and licensed and the dates of such registration and licensure.

264 (b) The number of children being served in both registered
265 and licensed family child day care homes and any available slots
266 in such homes.

267 (c) The number of complaints received concerning family
268 child day care, the nature of the complaints, and the resolution
269 of such complaints.

270 (d) The training activities utilized by child care
271 personnel in family child day care homes for meeting the state
272 or local training requirements.

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274 The evaluation shall be utilized by the department in any
275 administrative modifications or adjustments to be made in the
276 registration of family child day care homes or in any
277 legislative requests for modifications to the system of
278 registration or to other requirements for family child day care
279 homes.

280 (11) In order to inform the public of the state
281 requirement for registration of family child day care homes as
282 well as the other requirements for such homes to legally operate
283 in the state, the department shall institute a media campaign to
284 accomplish this end. Such a campaign shall include, at a

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285 minimum, flyers, newspaper advertisements, radio advertisements,
286 and television advertisements.

287 (12) Notwithstanding any other state or local law or
288 ordinance, any family child day care home licensed pursuant to
289 this chapter or pursuant to a county ordinance shall be charged
290 the utility rates accorded to a residential home. A licensed
291 family child day care home may not be charged commercial utility
292 rates.

293 (13) The department shall, by rule, establish minimum
294 standards for family child day care homes that are required to
295 be licensed by county licensing ordinance or county licensing
296 resolution or that voluntarily choose to be licensed. The
297 standards should include requirements for staffing, training,
298 maintenance of immunization records, minimum health and safety
299 standards, reduced standards for the regulation of child care
300 during evening hours by municipalities and counties, and
301 enforcement of standards.

302 ~~(14) During the months of August and September of each~~
303 ~~year, each family day care home shall provide parents of~~
304 ~~children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the~~
305 ~~causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an~~
306 ~~effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of~~
307 ~~immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by~~
308 ~~the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers~~
309 ~~for Disease Control and Prevention.~~

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310 ~~(15) During the months of April and September of each~~
311 ~~year, at a minimum, each family day care home shall provide~~
312 ~~parents of children attending the family day care home~~
313 ~~information regarding the potential for a distracted adult to~~
314 ~~fail to drop off a child at the family day care home and instead~~
315 ~~leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon arrival at the~~
316 ~~adult's destination. The family day care home shall also give~~
317 ~~parents information about resources with suggestions to avoid~~
318 ~~this occurrence. The department shall develop a flyer or~~
319 ~~brochure with this information that shall be posted to the~~
320 ~~department's website, which family day care homes may choose to~~
321 ~~reproduce and provide to parents to satisfy the requirements of~~
322 ~~this subsection.~~

323 **Section 4. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 402.3131,**
324 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

325 402.3131 Large family child care homes.—

326 ~~(9) During the months of August and September of each~~
327 ~~year, each large family child care home shall provide parents of~~
328 ~~children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the~~
329 ~~causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an~~
330 ~~effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of~~
331 ~~immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by~~
332 ~~the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers~~
333 ~~for Disease Control and Prevention.~~

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334 ~~(10) During the months of April and September of each~~
335 ~~year, at a minimum, each large family child care home shall~~
336 ~~provide parents of children attending the large family child~~
337 ~~care home information regarding the potential for a distracted~~
338 ~~adult to fail to drop off a child at the large family child care~~
339 ~~home and instead leave the child in the adult's vehicle upon~~
340 ~~arrival at the adult's destination. The large family child care~~
341 ~~home shall also give parents information about resources with~~
342 ~~suggestions to avoid this occurrence. The department shall~~
343 ~~develop a flyer or brochure with this information that shall be~~
344 ~~posted to the department's website, which large family child~~
345 ~~care homes may choose to reproduce and provide to parents to~~
346 ~~satisfy the requirements of this subsection.~~

347 **Section 5. Section 627.70161, Florida Statutes, is amended**
348 **to read:**

349 627.70161 Family child day care and large family child
350 care insurance.—

351 (1) PURPOSE AND INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes that
352 family child day care and large family child care homes fulfill
353 a vital role in providing child care in Florida. It is the
354 intent of the Legislature that residential property insurance
355 coverage should not be canceled, denied, or nonrenewed solely on
356 the basis of the child family day care services at the
357 residence. The Legislature also recognizes that the potential
358 liability of residential property insurers is substantially

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359 increased by the rendition of child care services on the
360 premises. The Legislature therefore finds that there is a public
361 need to specify that contractual liabilities that arise in
362 connection with the operation of the family child day care home
363 or the large family child care home are excluded from
364 residential property insurance policies unless they are
365 specifically included in such coverage.

366 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

367 (a) "Child care" means the care, protection, and
368 supervision of a child, for a period of less than 24 hours a day
369 on a regular basis, which supplements parental care, enrichment,
370 and health supervision for the child, in accordance with his or
371 her individual needs, and for which a payment, fee, or grant is
372 made for care.

373 (b) "Family child day care home" means an occupied
374 residence in which child care is regularly provided for children
375 from at least two unrelated families and which receives a
376 payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care,
377 whether or not operated for a profit.

378 (c) "Large family child care home" means an occupied
379 residence in which child care is regularly provided for children
380 from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment,
381 fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or
382 not operated for profit, and which has at least two full-time
383 child care personnel on the premises during the hours of

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384 operation. One of the two full-time child care personnel must be
385 the owner or occupant of the residence. A large family child
386 care home must first have operated as a licensed family child
387 care home for at least 2 years, with an operator who has held a
388 child development associate credential or its equivalent for at
389 least 1 year, before seeking licensure as a large family child
390 care home. Household children under 13 years of age, when on the
391 premises of the large family child care home or on a field trip
392 with children enrolled in child care, must be included in the
393 overall capacity of the licensed home. A large family child care
394 home may provide care for one of the following groups of
395 children, which must include household children under 13 years
396 of age:

- 397 1. A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age.
398 2. A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children
399 under 24 months of age.

400 (3) FAMILY CHILD DAY CARE AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE
401 HOMES; COVERAGE.—A residential property insurance policy may
402 ~~shall~~ not provide coverage for liability for claims arising out
403 of, or in connection with, the operation of a family child day
404 care home or a large family child care home, and the insurer
405 shall be under no obligation to defend against lawsuits covering
406 such claims, unless:

- 407 (a) Specifically covered in a policy; or

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408 (b) Covered by a rider or endorsement for business
409 coverage attached to a policy.

410 (4) DENIAL, CANCELLATION, REFUSAL TO RENEW PROHIBITED.—An
411 insurer may not deny, cancel, or refuse to renew a policy for
412 residential property insurance solely on the basis that the
413 policyholder or applicant operates a family child day care home
414 or a large family child care home. In addition to other lawful
415 reasons for refusing to insure, an insurer may deny, cancel, or
416 refuse to renew a policy of a family child day care home or a
417 large family child care home provider if one or more of the
418 following conditions occur:

419 (a) The policyholder or applicant provides care for more
420 children than authorized ~~for family day care homes~~ by s.
421 402.302;

422 (b) The policyholder or applicant fails to maintain a
423 separate commercial liability policy or an endorsement providing
424 liability coverage for the family child day care home or the
425 large family child care home operations;

426 (c) The policyholder or applicant fails to comply with the
427 applicable ~~family day care home~~ licensure and registration
428 requirements specified in chapter 402 s. 402.313; or

429 (d) Discovery of willful or grossly negligent acts or
430 omissions or any violations of state laws or regulations
431 establishing safety standards for family child day care homes or
432 large family child care homes by the named insured or his or her

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433 representative which materially increase any of the risks
434 insured.

435 **Section 6. Section 1001.24, Florida Statutes, is reenacted**
436 **and amended to read:**

437 1001.24 Direct-support organization; use of property;
438 board of directors; audit.—

439 (1) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the
440 term:

441 (a) "Department of Education direct-support organization"
442 means an organization:

443 1. That is a corporation not for profit that is
444 incorporated under the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by
445 the Department of State.

446 2. That is organized and operated exclusively to receive,
447 hold, invest, and administer property and to make expenditures
448 to or for the benefit of the early learning programs under parts
449 V and VI of chapter 1002, child care facilities licensed under
450 s. 402.305, family child care homes licensed or registered under
451 s. 402.313, large family child care homes licensed under s.
452 402.3131, and public prekindergarten through 12th grade
453 education in this state.

454 3. That the State Board of Education, after review, has
455 certified to be operating in a manner consistent with the goals
456 and best interest of the Department of Education.

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457 (b) "Personal services" includes full-time or part-time
458 personnel, as well as payroll processing.

459 (2) USE OF PROPERTY.—The State Board of Education:

460 (a) May permit the use of property, facilities, and
461 personal services of the department by the direct-support
462 organization, subject to the provisions of this section.

463 (b) Shall prescribe by rule conditions with which the
464 direct-support organization must comply in order to use
465 property, facilities, or personal services of the department.
466 Such rules shall provide for budget and audit review and for
467 oversight by the department.

468 (c) Shall not permit the use of property, facilities, or
469 personal services of the direct-support organization if such
470 organization does not provide equal employment opportunities to
471 all persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender,
472 age, or religion.

473 (3) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors of the
474 department direct-support organization shall be appointed by the
475 commissioner and shall include representation from business,
476 industry, and other components of Florida's economy.

477 (4) ANNUAL AUDIT.—Each direct-support organization shall
478 provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with s.
479 215.981. The identity of donors who desire to remain anonymous
480 shall be protected, and that anonymity shall be maintained in
481 the auditor's report. All records of the organization other than

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482 the auditor's report, management letter, and any supplemental
483 data requested by the Auditor General and the Office of Program
484 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall be
485 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

486 **Section 7. Section 1002.821, Florida Statutes, is created**
487 **to read:**

488 1002.821 Florida Child Care Fund.—The Florida Child Care
489 Fund is established to support early learning and child care
490 needs of Florida families.

491 (1) A Department of Education direct-support organization
492 established pursuant to s. 1001.24 shall administer the fund.

493 (2) (a) Any bequests, gifts, grants, and donations made to
494 the fund as may be solicited for such purpose from public or
495 private sources shall be deposited into the Early Learning Fund.

496 (b) Any legislative appropriation from the Child Care and
497 Development Block Grant Trust Fund which may be provided to the
498 Florida Child Care Fund shall be deposited into the Early
499 Learning Fund and shall be used to fund children from the
500 waiting list pursuant to subparagraph (3) (a) 1.

501 (c) Any funds received from state sources and interest
502 earnings shall be accounted for separately.

503 (3) Funds shall be used to provide:

504 (a) Care for children from birth until the child is
505 eligible to enroll in kindergarten in accordance with:

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506 1. An allocation methodology to fund the waiting list of
507 early learning coalitions; or

508 2. The intentions of a donor.

509 (b) The early learning coalition shall fund school
510 readiness program providers and providers selected by the
511 donor's recipient at the reimbursement rate calculated pursuant
512 to s. 1002.84(17). If the provider selected by the donor's
513 recipient is not a school readiness program provider, the
514 department shall adopt a contract for use by an early learning
515 coalition with the provider to provide such funds.

516 (c) Any family served under subparagraph (a)1. shall have
517 an early learning coalition apply a parent copayment based on
518 family income pursuant to s. 1002.84(9) or s. 1002.935(2)(b).

519 (4) By January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2027,
520 the Division of Early Learning shall prepare, and the department
521 shall publish on its website, a report that summarizes the
522 performance of the Florida Child Care Fund and the fund's
523 fundraising activities for the previous fiscal year, and
524 identifies the child care needs supported by the fund principal
525 or earnings and those supported by private sources, bequests,
526 gifts, grants, and donations. The report must also include:

527 (a) Outcome data, including the number of children served
528 and any child outcomes, by each early learning coalition.

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529 (b) The amount of funds spent on administrative expenses
530 and fundraising and the amount of funds raised from private
531 sources.

532 **Section 8. Section 1002.95, Florida Statutes, is amended**
533 **to read:**

534 1002.95 Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH)
535 Scholarship Program.—

536 (1) (a) The department may contract for the administration
537 of the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH)
538 Scholarship Program, which provides educational scholarships to
539 caregivers and administrators of early childhood programs,
540 family child day care homes, and large family child care homes.
541 The goal of the program is to increase the education and
542 training for caregivers, increase the compensation for child
543 caregivers who complete the program requirements, and reduce the
544 rate of participant turnover in the field of early childhood
545 education.

546 (b) Subject to appropriation, the TEACH Scholarships
547 Program administrator contracted under paragraph (a) shall also
548 establish and administer the Center for Early Childhood
549 Professional Recognition to ensure alignment of training
550 statewide, including, but not limited to, methods of early
551 childhood professional training approval, and implementation of
552 competency-based assessments aligned to the early learning

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553 professional development standards and career pathways under s.
554 1002.995.

555 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as
556 necessary to administer this section.

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559 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

560 Remove lines 3-45 and insert:
561 services; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising
562 definitions; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising the
563 minimum standards for child care facility licensing;
564 amending s. 402.313, F.S.; changing the term "family
565 day care" to "family child care"; removing provisions
566 requiring family day care homes to provide specified
567 information to parents; amending s. 402.3131, F.S.;
568 removing provisions requiring large family child care
569 homes to provide specified information to parents;
570 amending s. 627.70161, F.S.; changing the term "family
571 day care" to "family child care"; providing
572 legislative intent relating to large family child care
573 homes; defining the term "large family child care
574 home"; prohibiting residential property insurance
575 policies from providing coverage for liability for
576 claims arising out of, or in connection with, the
577 operations of large family child care homes; providing

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578 that insurers are under no obligation to defend
579 against lawsuits covering such claims; providing
580 exceptions; prohibiting insurers from denying,
581 cancelling, and refusing to renew a policy for
582 residential property insurance on the basis that the
583 policyholders or applicants operate large family child
584 care homes; providing exceptions; reenacting and
585 amending s. 1001.24, F.S.; revising the definition of
586 the term "Department of Education direct-support
587 organization"; creating s. 1002.821, F.S.; creating
588 the Florida Child Care Fund; requiring a Department of
589 Education direct-support organization to administer
590 the fund; requiring funds to be deposited into the
591 Early Learning Fund; requiring that funds from state
592 sources and interest earnings be accounted separately;
593 providing for the use of funds; requiring an annual
594 report; providing requirements for such report;
595 amending s. 1002.95, F.S.; providing for the
596 establishment and administration of the Center for
597 Early Childhood Professional Recognition under a
598 specified circumstance; amending ss. 39.202, 125.0109,

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