

Amendment to SB 144-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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3 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Scholarships; Pilot Program.

4 I. The department of health and human services shall implement a minimum 3-month pilot
5 program to provide enrollment-based reimbursement to child care providers who accept child care
6 scholarships through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan for New Hampshire. For
7 the purposes of the pilot, enrollment-based billing shall continue unless a child exceeds 2 weeks of
8 consecutive absence from the program without notification to the provider regarding circumstances
9 and agreed upon return date.

10 II. On or before September 1, 2022, the department of health and human services shall
11 provide a detailed report of the enrollment-based pilot to child care providers who accept child care
12 scholarships through the CCDF to the senate health and human services committee and the house
13 children and family law and health, human services and elderly affairs committees. In the report,
14 the department shall review and provide data on the overall cost of the enrollment-based
15 reimbursement model compared with the current attendance-based reimbursement model. The
16 report shall include data on utilization, child care provider participation, absentee rate, and other
17 relevant information available to assess the pilot program.

18 III. The department of health and human services is authorized to use the Supplemental
19 Child Care and Development Fund Discretionary Funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan
20 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (ARPA), for the purpose of funding a CCDF scholarship pilot program.
21 The department is authorized to spend down CCDF funding before using ARPA Supplemental Child
22 Care and Development Fund Discretionary Funds.

23 IV. The department shall include, as part of the biennial budgetary process, the full cost to
24 provide enrollment-based reimbursement, rather than attendance-based payment, to child care
25 providers who accept child care scholarships through the CCDF plan for New Hampshire for fiscal
26 years 2024-2025.

27 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a child care scholarship pilot program to provide enrollment-based reimbursement to child care providers.