



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Senate Bill 4 be amended to read as follows:

1 Delete the title and insert the following:
2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state
3 and local administration and to make an appropriation.
4 Page 14, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:
5 "SECTION 10. IC 12-14-31-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. Not later than April 1,
8 2026, the office of the secretary shall apply to the United States
9 Department of Health and Human Services to amend the state plan
10 for the federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher
11 program to increase the maximum initial eligibility limit for
12 purposes of initial eligibility to one hundred fifty percent (150%)
13 of the federal poverty level.
14 SECTION 11. IC 12-14-31-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) Beginning April 1, 2026,
17 the office of the secretary shall fully fund:
18 (1) each applicant eligible for a CCDF voucher payment; and
19 (2) eligible CCDF provider reimbursement rates in an amount
20 equal to or greater than the reimbursement rates established
21 by the office of the secretary for CCDF providers that were in
22 effect on January 1, 2025.
23 (b) The office of the secretary may not place an applicant
24 eligible for a CCDF voucher payment on a waiting list.
25 SECTION 12. IC 12-17.2-7.2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,
26 SECTION 121, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
27 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter,

1 "eligible child" refers to an individual who:

2 (A) in the case of an individual who is enrolled before May 1,
3 2025:

4 (A) (1) is at least four (4) years of age and less than five (5)
5 years of age on August 1 of the state fiscal year for which a
6 grant is sought under the prekindergarten program;

7 (B) (2) is a resident of Indiana or otherwise has legal
8 settlement in Indiana, as determined under IC 20-26-11;

9 (C) (3) is a member of a household with an annual income that
10 does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the
11 federal poverty level;

12 (D) (4) receives qualified early education services from an
13 eligible provider, as determined by the office;

14 (E) (5) has a parent or guardian who participates in a parental
15 engagement and involvement component provided by the
16 eligible provider;

17 (F) (6) has a parent or guardian who agrees to ensure that the
18 child meets the attendance requirements determined by the
19 office; and

20 (G) (7) meets the requirements under section 7.2(a) and 7.2(c)
21 of this chapter. and

22 (B) in the case of an individual who is enrolled on or after May 1,
23 2025:

24 (A) is at least four (4) years of age and less than five (5) years
25 of age on August 1 of the state fiscal year for which a grant is
26 sought under the prekindergarten program;

27 (B) is a resident of Indiana or otherwise has legal settlement in
28 Indiana, as determined under IC 20-26-11;

29 (C) is a member of a household with an annual income that
30 does not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the
31 federal poverty level;

32 (D) receives qualified early education services from an eligible
33 provider, as determined by the office;

34 (E) has a parent or guardian who participates in a parental
35 engagement and involvement component provided by the
36 eligible provider;

37 (F) has a parent or guardian who agrees to ensure that the child
38 meets the attendance requirements determined by the office;
39 and

40 (G) meets the requirements under section 7.2(a) and 7.2(c) of
41 this chapter.

42 SECTION 13. IC 12-17.2-7.2-7.2, AS AMENDED BY THE
43 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
44 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
45 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7.2. (a) For an eligible child to qualify for a
46 prekindergarten voucher under this chapter, the eligible child must

1 reside with a parent or guardian who is:

2 (1) working or attending a job training or an educational program;

3 **or**

4 **(2) actively seeking employment, subject to the approval by**

5 **the United States Department of Health and Human Services**

6 **as provided in 45 CFR 98.21.**

7 (b) For a limited eligibility child to qualify for a prekindergarten

8 voucher under this chapter, the limited eligibility child must reside with

9 a parent or guardian who:

10 (1) is working or attending a job training or an educational

11 program; **or**

12 **or**

13 (2) receives Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental

14 Security Income benefits, or disability benefits from the United

15 States Department of Veterans Affairs; **or**

16 **(3) is actively seeking employment, subject to the approval by**

17 **the United States Department of Health and Human Services**

18 **as provided in 45 CFR 98.21.**

19 (c) Before the office may provide a prekindergarten voucher to an

20 eligible child, a limited eligibility child, or a child of a child care

21 employee under this chapter, the office shall require that a parent or

22 guardian of the child agree to the following:

23 (1) The child will attend the prekindergarten program of an

24 eligible provider selected by the parent or guardian for the full

25 duration of the prekindergarten program year.

26 (2) The parent or guardian will not transfer to another

27 prekindergarten program during the prekindergarten program

28 year.

29 (3) The child will attend the prekindergarten program at least

30 eighty-five percent (85%) of the days that the prekindergarten

31 program is provided.

32 (4) The parent or guardian will allow the child to participate in an

33 external evaluation conducted by researchers, including the

34 kindergarten readiness assessment and measuring of

35 developmental and academic progress.

36 (5) The parent or guardian will participate in family engagement

37 and involvement activities offered by the selected prekindergarten

38 program, including meetings with the child's teacher to discuss

39 the child's progress or any other conference concerning the child

40 that is requested by the eligible provider.

41 (6) The parent or guardian will complete the necessary forms for

42 the child to receive a student test number from the department of

43 education.

44 (7) The parent or guardian will send the child to kindergarten.

45 (8) The parent or guardian will read to the child each week.

46 (9) Any other condition the office determines is appropriate.

(d) Priority shall be given to a child of a child care employee under this section.

(e) Priority may be given to an eligible or limited eligibility child under this section if a parent or guardian of the eligible or limited eligibility child is:

- (1) involved in activities that improve the parent's or guardian's education; or
- (2) involved in job training.

SECTION 14. IC 12-17.2-7.2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.92-2024, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The office shall determine:

(1) which applicants shall be provided a:
(A) prekindergarten voucher under this chapter; or
(B) grant under section 7.4 of this chapter; and
(2) subject to subsection (b) and to the availability of funding, the amount of each prekindergarten voucher or grant.

(b) At least five percent (5%) but not more than fifty percent (50%) of the:

(1) tuition for eligible or limited eligibility children under the prekindergarten program; or

(2) expansion plan described in section 7.4(a) of this chapter; the state fiscal year must be paid from donations, gifts, grants, bequests, and other funds received from a private entity or person, from the United States government, or from other sources (excluding funds provided in a prekindergarten voucher or grant provided under this chapter, excluding other state funding). The office may receive and administer grants on behalf of the prekindergarten program. The grants will be distributed by the office to fulfill the requirements of this section.

(c) The amount of a prekindergarten voucher provided under the prekindergarten program to an eligible child, a limited eligibility child, or a child of a child care employee;

- (1) who attends a prekindergarten program full time must equal at least two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) during the state fiscal year; and
- (2) may not exceed six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$6,800) from state money provided under this chapter during the state fiscal year.

SECTION 15. IC 12-17.2-7.2-8.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8.3. The office may not set a cap on the number of prekindergarten vouchers available to eligible children or limited eligibility children of less than seven thousand five-hundred (7,500) per state fiscal year.**

SECTION 16. IC 12-17.2-7.2-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. The office shall establish reimbursement rates for prekindergarten program providers in an amount equal to or greater than the reimbursement rates established by the office for prekindergarten providers that were in effect on January 1, 2025.".

6 Page 20, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:
7 "SECTION 23. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) There is
8 continuously appropriated to the prekindergarten program fund
9 established by IC 12-17.2-7.2-13.5 from the state general fund for
10 the state fiscal year beginning after:

15 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.

16 SECTION 24. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) There is
17 continuously appropriated to the office of the secretary of family
18 and social services from the state general fund for the state fiscal
19 year beginning after:

20 (1) June 30, 2026, and ending before July 1, 2027; and
21 (2) June 30, 2027, and ending before July 1, 2028;

22 an amount sufficient to carry out the requirements under
23 IC 12-14-31-6 and IC 12-14-31-7.

24 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.".

25 Renumber all **SECTIONS** consecutively.

Senator QADDOURA