



# SENATE MOTION

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

**I move** that Senate Bill 275 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  
3                   human services and to make an appropriation.  
4                   Page 1, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
5                   "SECTION 2. IC 12-14-31-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6                   AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7                   UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 6. Not later than April 1, 2026, the office of**  
8                   **the secretary shall apply to the United States Department of Health**  
9                   **and Human Services to amend the state plan for the federal Child**  
10                   **Care and Development Fund voucher program to increase the**  
11                   **maximum initial eligibility limit for purposes of initial eligibility to**  
12                   **one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.**  
13                   SECTION 3. IC 12-14-31-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
14                   AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15                   UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 7. (a) Beginning April 1, 2026, the office of**  
16                   **the secretary shall fully fund:**  
17                    **(1) each applicant eligible for a CCDF voucher payment; and**  
18                    **(2) eligible CCDF provider reimbursement rates in an amount**  
19                    **equal to or greater than the reimbursement rates established**  
20                    **by the office of the secretary for CCDF providers that were in**  
21                    **effect on January 1, 2025.**  
22                    **(b) The office of the secretary may not place an applicant**  
23                    **eligible for a CCDF voucher payment on a waiting list."**  
24                   Page 3, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
25                   "SECTION 8. IC 12-17.2-7.2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2025,  
26                   SECTION 121, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

1 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter,  
2 "eligible child" refers to an individual who:

3 (1) in the case of an individual who is enrolled before May 1,  
4 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) in the case of an individual who is enrolled on or after May 1,  
24 2025:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 SECTION 9. IC 12-17.2-7.2-7.2, AS AMENDED BY THE  
44 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
45 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
46 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7.2. (a) For an eligible child to qualify for a

1       prekindergarten voucher under this chapter, the eligible child must  
2       reside with a parent or guardian who is:  
3           (1) working or attending a job training or an educational program;  
4           **or**  
5           **(2) actively seeking employment, subject to the approval by**  
6           **the United States Department of Health and Human Services**  
7           **as provided in 45 CFR 98.21.**  
8       (b) For a limited eligibility child to qualify for a prekindergarten  
9       voucher under this chapter, the limited eligibility child must reside with  
10      a parent or guardian who:  
11           (1) is working or attending a job training or an educational  
12           program; **or**  
13           **or**  
14           (2) receives Social Security Disability Insurance, Supplemental  
15           Security Income benefits, or disability benefits from the United  
16           States Department of Veterans Affairs; **or**  
17           **(3) is actively seeking employment, subject to the approval by**  
18           **the United States Department of Health and Human Services**  
19           **as provided in 45 CFR 98.21.**  
20       (c) Before the office may provide a prekindergarten voucher to an  
21       eligible child, a limited eligibility child, or a child of a child care  
22       employee under this chapter, the office shall require that a parent or  
23       guardian of the child agree to the following:  
24           (1) The child will attend the prekindergarten program of an  
25           eligible provider selected by the parent or guardian for the full  
26           duration of the prekindergarten program year.  
27           (2) The parent or guardian will not transfer to another  
28           prekindergarten program during the prekindergarten program  
29           year.  
30           (3) The child will attend the prekindergarten program at least  
31           eighty-five percent (85%) of the days that the prekindergarten  
32           program is provided.  
33           (4) The parent or guardian will allow the child to participate in an  
34           external evaluation conducted by researchers, including the  
35           kindergarten readiness assessment and measuring of  
36           developmental and academic progress.  
37           (5) The parent or guardian will participate in family engagement  
38           and involvement activities offered by the selected prekindergarten  
39           program, including meetings with the child's teacher to discuss  
40           the child's progress or any other conference concerning the child  
41           that is requested by the eligible provider.  
42           (6) The parent or guardian will complete the necessary forms for  
43           the child to receive a student test number from the department of  
44           education.  
45           (7) The parent or guardian will send the child to kindergarten.  
46           (8) The parent or guardian will read to the child each week.

(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 10. 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;

during 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 from a prekindergarten voucher or grant provided under this chapter and excluding other state funding). The office may receive and administer grants on behalf of the prekindergarten program. The grants shall be distributed by the office to fulfill the requirements of this subsection.

(e) 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 11. 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 12. IC 12-17.2-7.2-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. The office shall establish  
3 reimbursement rates for prekindergarten program providers in an  
4 amount equal to or greater than the reimbursement rates  
5 established by the office for prekindergarten providers that were  
6 in effect on January 1, 2025.".

7 Page 4, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
8 "SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) There is  
9 continuously appropriated to the prekindergarten program fund  
10 established by IC 12-17.2-7.2-13.5 from the state general fund for  
11 the state fiscal year beginning after:

(1) June 30, 2026, and ending before July 1, 2027; and  
(2) June 30, 2027, and ending before July 1, 2028;  
an amount sufficient to carry out the purposes of the  
prekindergarten program fund.

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

17 SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) There is  
18 continuously appropriated to the office of the secretary of family  
19 and social services from the state general fund for the state fiscal  
20 year beginning after:

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

(3) THIS SECTION expires July 1, 2013.

Remember all **SECTIONS** consecutively.  
(Reference is to SB 275 as printed January 21, 2026.)

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Senator QADDOURA