

Amend **CSHB 1** as follows:

(1) In Article VII of the bill, add the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Texas Workforce Commission:

____. FEDERAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY DOLLARS. If federal law requires that at least six percent of the grant under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 9858 et seq.), as amended, be used for quality improvement activities and if authorized by federal law, the Texas Workforce Commission shall transfer to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services a portion of the money appropriated to the commission in Strategy A.1.1, Child Care Services. The amount transferred must be attributable to the Child Care and Development Block Grant and may not exceed two percent of that grant.

(2) In Article II of the bill, add the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services:

____. FEDERAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY DOLLARS. If the Texas Workforce Commission transfers to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services a portion of the money received under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 9858 et seq.), as amended, and appropriated to the commission in Strategy A.1.1, Child Care Services, the department shall use the transferred money to provide grants to community organizations or institutions of higher education for the purpose of developing a quality rating system for child-care, prekindergarten, and federal Head Start programs in one region of this state. A person or entity who receives a grant from the department shall:

(1) collaborate with the department to develop a model quality rating system through which licensed child-care providers, prekindergarten providers, and Head Start program providers are evaluated on a weighted scale that includes promoting school readiness for children as a factor;

(2) obtain matching funds from local governments,

businesses, or charitable organizations in an amount prescribed by the department; and

(3) in conjunction with the department, report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the rating system and the potential costs of implementing the rating system statewide as a replacement for the existing child-care licensing system, and make recommendations on methods to inform parents about the quality rating system if the system is adopted statewide.