

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, federal law requires four percent of the Child Care and Development Block Grant to be spent on quality initiatives. This requirement is fulfilled through funding child care licensing programs. As proposed, S.B. 78 requires the Texas Workforce Commission to ensure that any of the dedicated funds in excess of four percent be disbursed to local workforce development boards for activities and initiatives that improve the quality of child care and are not used for the direct provision of child care.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2308.317(a), Government Code, as added by Chapter 1517, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001 to add "and subject to Section 2308.319" to existing text regarding the use of child care program funds.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 2308G, Government Code, by adding Section 2308.319, as follows:

Sec. 2308.319. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF CERTAIN DEDICATED CHILD CARE FUNDS. Requires the Texas Workforce Commission to the extent the state is required to dedicate more than four percent of the amount of federal child care development funds for the purposes provided by 42 U.S.C. Section 9858e, to ensure that any amount of the dedicated funds in excess of four percent is disbursed to boards for activities and initiatives that improve the quality of child care and is not used for the direct provision of the child care.

SECTION 3. Effective date: Upon passage or September 1, 2003.