

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
Preliminary Draft

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S.B. No. 78

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to disbursements and expenditures for certain child-care  
3 activities funded under the federal Child Care and Development  
4 Block Grant.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2308.317(a), Government Code, as added  
7 by Chapter 1517, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session,  
8 2001, is amended to read as follows:

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to Section  
10 2308.319, the Texas Workforce Commission shall ensure that, to the  
11 extent federal child care development funds dedicated to quality  
12 improvement activities are used to improve quality and availability  
13 of child care, those funds are used only for quality child care  
14 programs.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is  
16 amended by adding Section 2308.319 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 2308.319. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF CERTAIN DEDICATED  
18 CHILD CARE FUNDS. To the extent the state is required to dedicate  
19 more than four percent of the amount of federal child care  
20 development funds for the purposes provided by 42 U.S.C. Section  
21 9858e, the commission, unless otherwise required by federal law,  
22 shall ensure that any amount of the dedicated funds in excess of  
23 four percent:

24 (1) is disbursed to boards for activities and

1 initiatives that improve the quality of child care; and

2 (2) is not used for the direct provision of child care.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.