

Amend **CSHB 1** in Article XI of the bill as follows:

(1) Add the following rider following the Article XI provisions for the Department of Family and Protective Services (page XI-10):

Statewide Child-Care Training Portal. In addition to other amounts appropriated to the Department of Family and Protective Services, an amount not to exceed \$2 million is appropriated from the general revenue fund for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2009, to the department for the purpose of awarding, through a competitive bidding process, a contract to a public nonprofit agency or community-based organization for the development and maintenance of a bilingual, statewide training portal that connects child-care providers with approved child-care training. To receive a contract, an agency or organization must:

(1) develop a comprehensive, eight-hour training course that can be used as a self-instructional tool or in an instructor-led format and that covers current findings on the health, safety, and development of young children;

(2) demonstrate professional experience and technical expertise in early childhood education;

(3) have at least 10 years of experience in developing and providing training to providers in both child-care facilities and listed and registered family homes located in low-income communities; and

(4) have experience in automating programs used in subsidized child-care programs.

(2) Adjust the article totals (page XI-1) and agency totals (page XI-10) appropriately.