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S.B. No. 1722

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating an account to promote continuing education for certain child care providers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0521, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0521. EARLY CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT; DEPOSIT OF FEES. (a) The early child care development account is an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only to the department for the purposes and activities authorized by this section and for reasonable administrative expenses under this chapter.

(b) The account consists of:

(1) the [The] fees authorized by this chapter and received by the department;

(2) all money appropriated for the purposes of this section;

(3) any gifts, grants, or donations received for the purposes of this section; and

(4) interest earned on money in the account.

(c) The account is exempt from the application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

(d) The purpose of the account is to support continuing education initiatives that:

1 (1) implement infant and toddler child care best
2 practices for caregivers of children from birth to age three;

3 (2) promote the development of secure, consistent,
4 responsive relationships and attachments between child care
5 workers and the infants and toddlers in their care; and

6 (3) provide training and knowledge on the importance
7 of the emotional development of infants and toddlers [~~shall be~~
8 ~~deposited in the general revenue fund~~].

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.