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H.B. No. 1695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing reimbursement rates for certain child-care providers participating in the subsidized child-care program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is amended by amending Section 2308.315 and adding Section 2308.3151 to read as follows:

Sec. 2308.315. REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS [~~CHILD-CARE~~]. In establishing reimbursement rates for child-care providers participating in the commission's subsidized child-care program, each board shall equalize the amount that child-care providers providing care to children in the same commission age group receive based on the maximum number of children the provider may enroll under the child-to-caregiver ratios and group sizes adopted by the Health and Human Services Commission.

Sec. 2308.3151. REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR TEXAS RISING STAR PROGRAM PROVIDERS. (a) Each board shall establish graduated reimbursement rates for child care based on the commission's Texas Rising Star Program.

(b) The minimum reimbursement rate for a Texas Rising Star Program provider must be greater than the maximum rate established for a provider who is not a Texas Rising Star Program provider for

1 the same category of care. The reimbursement rate must be:

2 (1) at least five percent higher for a provider with a
3 two-star rating;

4 (2) at least seven percent higher for a provider with a
5 three-star rating; and

6 (3) at least nine percent higher for a provider with a
7 four-star rating.

8 (c) The Texas Rising Star Program rate differential
9 established in this section shall be funded with federal child-care
10 [~~child care~~] development funds.

11 [~~(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a board may not~~
12 ~~reimburse a provider under the reimbursement rates provided by~~
13 ~~Subsection (b) before the date any revisions to rules recommended~~
14 ~~by the Texas Rising Star Program review work group under Section~~
15 ~~2308.321 are adopted by the commission.]~~

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.