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S.B. No. 462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a child-care services waiting list priority for the children of certain child-care workers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.0064 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0064. CHILD-CARE SERVICES WAITING LIST PRIORITY FOR CHILD-CARE WORKERS. (a) A local workforce development board that maintains a waiting list for child-care services shall give a priority on the waiting list to children of child-care workers who are eligible for those services.

(b) A child-care worker whose child receives a priority position on a waiting list as provided by Subsection (a) must continue to work as a child-care worker in the state until the first anniversary of the date the worker's child is placed in child-care services for which there was a waiting list.

(c) If a child-care worker whose child received a priority under this section leaves the child-care workforce before the end of the time period described by Subsection (b), the commission shall review the circumstances of the child-care worker's employment and may terminate child-care services for the worker's child.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.