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S.B. No. 1249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a certified caregiver pilot program in the Borderplex workforce development area.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Labor Code, is amended by adding Chapter 321 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 321. CERTIFIED CAREGIVER PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 321.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "program" means the certified caregiver pilot program established under this chapter.

Sec. 321.002. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the certified caregiver pilot program in the Borderplex workforce development area to address the need for after-hours child care for single-parent household working parents who are pursuing a short-term workforce training program in the area.

(b) The program shall:

(1) assist employees of child-care facilities licensed under Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, with obtaining a license under Section 321.004 in order to provide child care to the children of eligible parents outside of regular working hours in the employee's home; and

(2) provide supplemental subsidized child care for single-parent households eligible under Section 321.005.

1 Sec. 321.003. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. (a) The local
2 workforce development board serving the Borderplex workforce
3 development area shall select a total of 30 single-parent families
4 eligible under Section 321.005 that will qualify for supplemental
5 subsidized child care for a period of not more than six months.

6 (b) A certified caregiver licensed under Section 321.004
7 shall be eligible to participate in the commission's subsidized
8 child-care program to provide child care outside regular working
9 hours to a child of a parent participating in the program.

10 Sec. 321.004. LICENSE FOR CERTIFIED CAREGIVER. (a) The
11 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
12 shall adopt a procedure to issue a license to a caregiver who meets
13 the requirements of this section that allows the caregiver to
14 operate as a listed family home for purposes of the pilot program.

15 (b) The procedure must require a caregiver to:

16 (1) be a current employee of a child-care facility
17 licensed under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, with not less than
18 two years of child-care experience;

19 (2) provide after-hours child care in the caregiver's
20 own home; and

21 (3) list the caregiver's home with the Health and Human
22 Services Commission as a family home and comply with minimum
23 standards for a listed family home adopted by the executive
24 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission under
25 Section 42.042, Human Resources Code.

26 Sec. 321.005. PARENT ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to
27 receive a child-care subsidy under the program, a parent must, at

1 the time of application:

2 (1) receive a subsidy under the commission's
3 child-care subsidy program;

4 (2) reside in a single-parent household;

5 (3) have completed a sufficient number of
6 postsecondary education credit hours, as determined by the
7 commission;

8 (4) be enrolled in or agree to enroll in a short-term
9 workforce training program supported by the local workforce
10 development board serving the Borderplex workforce development
11 area; and

12 (5) demonstrate a need for child care outside of
13 regular working hours in order to complete the workforce training
14 program described under Subdivision (4).

15 Sec. 321.006. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2028, the
16 commission shall prepare and submit to the governor, lieutenant
17 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing
18 committee of each house of the legislature with primary
19 jurisdiction over economic development a report on:

20 (1) the efficacy of the program;

21 (2) the completion rate of workforce training programs
22 by parents receiving child care under the program;

23 (3) the total cost of the program; and

24 (4) a recommendation on whether to continue, expand,
25 or terminate the program.

26 Sec. 321.007. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules
27 necessary to implement this chapter.

1 Sec. 321.008. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September
2 1, 2029.

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