

Sec. X. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; STATE PLAN

To the extent funds permit, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall amend its federal Child Care and Development Fund State Plan to:

(1) adjust the sliding scale of its Child Care Financial Assistance Program benefit to correspond with each minimum wage increase required pursuant to this act to ensure that the benefit percentage at each new minimum wage level remains the same as the percentage applied under the former minimum wage; and

(2) adjust the market rate used to inform the fee scale in a manner that offsets the estimated increased cost of child care in Vermont resulting from the increase in the minimum wage required pursuant to this act.