

1 H.772

2 Introduced by Representatives Birong of Vergennes and Durfee of Shaftsbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; child care; Child Care Financial Assistance Program

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to: (1) establish  
7 an annual inflation factor to monies appropriated for the Child Care Financial  
8 Assistance Program; and (2) align the rates of reimbursement for infants,  
9 toddlers, preschool, and school-age children participating in the Child Care  
10 Financial Assistance Program with the market rates reported on the 2019  
11 Vermont Market Rate Survey.

12 An act relating to the Child Care Financial Assistance Program

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 3512 is amended to read:

15 § 3512. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

16 ELIGIBILITY

17 (a)(1) The Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) is  
18 established to subsidize, to the extent that funds permit, the costs of child care  
19 for families that need child care services in order to obtain employment, to  
20 retain employment, or to obtain training leading to employment. Families

1 seeking employment shall be entitled to participate in the Program for up to  
2 three months, and the Commissioner may further extend that period.

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4 (5) In determining the annual appropriation for CCFAP, the  
5 Commissioner shall ensure that CCFAP reimbursement rates are aligned with  
6 the findings of the most recent market rate survey or alternative methodology  
7 as approved in the State's current Child Care and Development Block Grant  
8 State Plan.

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10 Sec. 2. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

11 (a) In fiscal year 2021, \$6,300,000.00 is appropriated to the Department for  
12 Children and Families' Child Development Division from the General Fund  
13 for the purpose of aligning rates of reimbursement for infants, toddlers,  
14 preschool, and school- age children participating in the Child Care Financial  
15 Assistance Program in fiscal year 2021 with the market rates reported on the  
16 2019 Vermont Market Rate Survey.

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.