

Existing Childcare Workforce Supports and Retention Program

Statute/Session Law	Program	Amount	Source	Status - Issues
Act 185 of 2022 Session & Act 138 of 2022 Session	DCF - Childcare Retention	\$ 7,000,000	GF	Limited expenditure as of Feb 2023 because this program only began taking applications in late 2022. Expectation is that as time progress distribution of funds will accelerate. Legislature should check in on progress in April 2023
33 V.S.A § 3541	Scholarships for Current Early Childhood Providers	\$ 900,000	ARPA CCDBG	100 students enrolled, no reported issues, \$300K per year for 3 years
33 V.S.A. § 3542	Scholarships for Prospective Early Childhood Providers	\$ 1,200,000	ARPA CCDBG	Administered by VSAC. Only 9 participants as of Feb 2023 - only spent \$263K of allocation expended . H.145 (BAA) allows this program to close out and existing participants to be relieved of work requirements. Remaining funds can be redirected to the two other programs
33 V.S.A. § 3543	Student Loan Repayment Assistance	\$ 5,400,000	ARPA CCDBG	Administered by VT Association for the Education of Young Children (VT AEYC). As of Feb 2023 only spent \$257K due to restrictive eligibility. \$1.8M per year for 3 years. H.145 (BAA) expanded eligibility and allows one retro payments to longer term childcare providers who meet eligibility but may have litte or no current loan debt.

ARPA CCDBG funding was allowed in budget bill via subsequent plan approval by JFC - initial plan to JFO in Nov 2021, revised Nov. 2022

DCF Memo to HHS:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/WorkGroups/House%20Human%20Services/Bills%20Passed%20in%20Previous%20Biennium/W~Miranda%20Gray~Act%2045%20Testimony%20from%20DCF~1-13-2023.pdf>