

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

House Bill 4640

Sponsor: Rep. Barb Vander Veen

House Bill 4641

Sponsor: Rep. Belda Garza

Committee: Family and Children
Services

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4640 AND 4641 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-01

House Bill 4640 would add a new section to the Social Welfare Act (MCL 400.57m) to establish a child care assistance fund in the state treasury, which would be used to assist certain families who needed assistance with child care payments. House Bill 4641 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.801) to require that the secretary of state establish a program that would allow vehicle and renewal registration applicants to donate money to the proposed child care assistance fund. House Bill 4641 would also make technical amendments to revise outdated provisions and delete archaic language in current law.

Child Care Assistance Fund. House Bill 4640 would require that the fund be administered by the FIA in accordance with the requirements of the bill, and that the FIA make money from the fund available to eligible families. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year would remain in the fund and would not lapse to the general fund.

Eligibility Criteria. House Bill 4640 would also require that the FIA establish eligibility criteria for receiving assistance under the fund. Under this criteria, both of the following requirements would have to be met:

- The parent, legal guardian, or other caretaker would have to be unavailable to provide child care due to employment.
- The family group's income would have to exceed the eligibility limits for child care assistance established by the FIA.

Child Care Assistance Donations. House Bill 4641 would require that the secretary of state create a program allowing each vehicle registration and renewal registration applicant to donate between \$1.00 and \$5.00 to the Child Care Assistance Fund established under House Bill 4640. The secretary of state could retain not more than three percent of the money received in any quarter to cover the cost of administering these requirements. The balance of the money received would be deposited into the fund on a quarterly basis.

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