

INFANT AND TODDLER CHILD CARE CONTRACTS

Act 109 of 2022

AN ACT to provide for infant and toddler child care contracts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and agencies; and to provide resources for certain child care providers.

History: 2022, Act 109, Imd. Eff. June 23, 2022.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

722.1581 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

- (a) "Contract" means the infant and toddler child care contracts established in section 5.
- (b) "Department" means the department of education.
- (c) "Provider" means a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.
- (d) "Region" means 1 of at least 4 areas of the state as determined by the department to provide technical assistance to child care providers.

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722.1585 Infant and toddler child care provider contract model; federal block grant; required recipients.

Sec. 5. (1) The department, in conjunction with an implementation team that includes providers, partners, and parents of children in child care, must develop a contract model for infant and toddler child care providers that can be funded within the federal child care and development block grant requirements.

(2) Contracts created under subsection (1) must be awarded to providers in all regions in this state.

(3) Contracts must be awarded to high-quality providers located in communities where demand for infant and toddler child care exceeds supply as determined by the department.

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722.1590 Model contract requirements; annual report.

Sec. 10. (1) A model contract created under this act must include, at least, all of the following:

- (a) Consistent payments made in advance of providing care.
- (b) Payments aligned with market rate.
- (c) Continued engagement in quality improvement.
- (d) Increased wages for qualified staff.
- (e) Attendance requirements to continue receiving payment.

(2) In each year that infant or toddler contracts are awarded under section 5, the department must submit a report to the house and senate appropriation committees on the department budget and the state budget office regarding those infant and toddler contracts including, but not limited to, the number of participating providers, number of children served, and lessons learned.

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