

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1849

3 By: Schreiber, Tedford, Hefner,
4 Lawson, Moore, Ranson,
5 Deck, and Munson of the
6 House

7 and

8 Gollihare of the Senate

9 [children - sunset - program - income - subsidy -
10 notice - conditions - copayment - codification -
11 effective date]

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 461 of Title 10, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created until November 1, 2028, in
18 accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Teacher Recruitment and
19 Retention Program to be administered by Oklahoma Partnership for
20 School Readiness.

21 B. The Program, through Oklahoma Partnership for School
22 Readiness, shall ensure that:

23 1. Any employee who is employed by a child care facility
24 licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing

1 Act shall have household income exempted from consideration when
2 eligibility is determined for the Child Care Subsidy Program
3 administered by the Department of Human Services;

4 2. When an employee who is employed by a licensed child care
5 facility leaves employment of the licensed provider, the provider
6 shall provide written notice to the Department of Human Services
7 that the employee is no longer employed within thirty (30) days; and

8 3. Other than the income exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of
9 this subsection and the reporting requirements established pursuant
10 to this subsection, all other conditions of eligibility for the
11 Child Care Subsidy Program located in the Oklahoma Administrative
12 Code (OAC) shall be followed.

13 C. Subsection B of this section shall not apply to employees
14 who are employed by a child care facility licensed pursuant to the
15 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and who are eligible
16 for the Child Care Subsidy Program without household income being
17 exempted.

18 D. The Department of Human Services shall waive copayments for
19 employees who are employed by a licensed child care facility and who
20 qualify under income eligibility requirements of the Child Care
21 Subsidy Program.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate