

HB 1515-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1515-FN***

AN ACT                repealing the child care grant program administered by the department of health and human services.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. D. Kelley, Hills. 32; Rep. R. Brown, Carr. 8; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 5; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4

COMMITTEE:          Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill repeals appropriations made to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing recruitment, retention, and benefit grants to child care employers.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT           repealing the child care grant program administered by the department of health and human services.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1           1 Repeal. 2025, 141:431, making an appropriation to the department of health and human
- 2 services for the purpose of providing grants to New Hampshire child care employers, is repealed.
- 3           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1515-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill repeals Chapter 141:431, Laws of 2025, a section in HB 2 (the budget trailer bill) that appropriated \$7.5 million in each year of the FY26/27 biennium to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing grants to NH childcare providers for employee recruitment and retention. The appropriation was to be made from federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds, and was contingent upon the Department seeking formal approval from the federal government for this use of the funds. The Department has since relayed to the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant that it has sought guidance from the federal government, which has determined that federal TANF funds cannot be used for this purpose. For this reason, although the repeal of this section would remove the appropriation (as well as the Department's authority to provide grants to eligible childcare providers), the repeal is anticipated to have no fiscal impact in practice.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None