

Amendment to SB 596-FN

1 Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 167:83, II(r) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by
2 replacing it with the following:

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4 (r) The development and administration of the child care scholarship program as a
5 component of the Child Care Development Block Grant. The department may suspend
6 implementation of this subparagraph if the department lacks sufficient appropriation for
7 implementation. Such rules shall:

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9 Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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11 2 Appropriation. The sum of \$375,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025 is appropriated to
12 the department of health and human services for the purpose of adopting rules and administering
13 the child care scholarship program in accordance with the criteria specified in section 1 of this act.
14 Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in
15 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, or any other federal funds can be used for
16 this purpose and any remainder, not to exceed \$1, shall be general funds. The governor is
17 authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sum out of any money in the
18 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to adopt rules relative to the definition of disability or special needs for purposes of the child care scholarship program and authorizes the department to suspend implementation for insufficient funding. The bill also makes an appropriation of available federal funds to the child care scholarship program.