

Unemployment Insurance Program, the Department of Job and Family Services shall integrate specific system enhancements to streamline claims processing, enhance adjudication methodology where appropriate, and secure and implement a new cloud-based tax and benefits system to replace outdated technology.

SECTION 307.250. (A) There is hereby established a study committee to evaluate all of the following regarding both publicly funded child care, as described in section 5104.30 of the Revised Code, and the Step Up to Quality Program, as created by section 5104.29 of the Revised Code:

(1) The number of children and families receiving publicly funded child care;

(2) The number of early learning and development programs, as defined in section 5104.29 of the Revised Code, participating in the Step Up to Quality Program administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and providing publicly funded child care;

(3) The number of child care providers licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services;

(4) Funding sources for both publicly funded child care and the Step Up to Quality Program;

(5) The long-term sustainability of those funding sources;

(6) Eligibility levels for publicly funded child care, including the levels at which families may lose their eligibility;

(7) Issues regarding access to publicly funded child care and quality-rated early learning and development programs;

(8) The administrative burdens that result from obtaining and maintaining a quality rating;

(9) Alternative criteria by which a child day-care center or family day-care home that enrolls a low census of children receiving publicly funded child care may obtain a one-star rating in the Step Up to Quality Program;

(10) The manner in which the Department of Job and Family Services establishes reimbursement ceilings for publicly funded child care, including through the use of market rate surveys.

(B) The committee shall consist of all of the following members:

(1) The Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services or the Director's designee who has experience in child care oversight;

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee who has experience in child care or early childhood education;

(3) Two directors of a county department of job and family services, one

appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each with experience in publicly funded child care oversight;

(4) A home-based child care provider providing publicly funded child care appointed by the Senate President;

(5) A center-based child care provider providing publicly funded child care appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(6) A representative of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(7) Two representatives, each from a child care advocacy organization, one appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(8) A representative of the business community appointed by the Senate President;

(9) Three members of the Senate, not more than two from the same party, each appointed by the Senate President;

(10) Three members of the House of Representatives, not more than two from the same party, each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Senate President shall appoint one of the members described in division (B)(9) of this section to serve as the committee's co-chairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the members described in division (B)(10) of this section to serve as the committee's other co-chairperson.

The appointments required by this section shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

Members shall serve without compensation.

If a member appointed to the committee no longer satisfies the grounds upon which the member was appointed, the member is ineligible to continue to serve on the committee and a new member shall be appointed in accordance with division (B) of this section.

(C)(1) To evaluate the issues described in division (A) of this section, the committee shall meet at the call of the co-chairpersons, with the first meeting to be held not later than thirty days after appointments have been made. The committee shall hold hearings to receive testimony from the public and relevant state agencies and boards.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2021, the committee shall evaluate and recommend alternative criteria by which a child day-care center or family day-care home that enrolls a low census of children receiving publicly funded child care may obtain a one-star rating in the Step Up to Quality

Program.

The committee may issue reports as necessary and shall issue a final report with any findings or recommendations not later December 1, 2022.

Any report issued by the study committee is nonbinding and shall be considered only as a recommendation.

The committee shall provide a copy of each report it issues to the Governor and to the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Legislative Service Commission in accordance with division (B) of section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(3) The staff of the Legislative Service Commission shall provide services to the committee.

(D) This section expires on the adjournment of the 134th General Assembly.

#### SECTION 307.260. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Not later than March 1, 2022, the Director of Job and Family Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate and House of Representatives standing committees that consider unemployment compensation issues the amount of unrecovered unemployment compensation as defined in section 4141.284 of the Revised Code and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits provided under the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act," 15 U.S.C. 9021, that were issued due to fraudulent misrepresentation during the period March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

#### SECTION 307.270. PUBLICLY FUNDED CHILD CARE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600617, Child Care Federal, \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 of the amounts provided from the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021" Pub. L. No. 116-260 shall be used to provide a discount to the co-payments, established under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code, for families participating in publicly funded child care.

All of the following apply to funds provided through the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021," Pub. L. No. 116-260 or the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021," Pub. L. No. 117-2, including funds appropriated through appropriation item 600617, Child Care Federal:

(A) In the event "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021," Pub. L. No. 116-260, funds not previously appropriated by the General Assembly,