

2022 -- S 2313

=====
LC004143
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Zurier, DiMario, Cano, Pearson, DiPalma, Murray, Ciccone, Sosnowski, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-12 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Human Services"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-12-31. Childcare workers' retention bonus pay.**

4 Notwithstanding any general or public law to the contrary, the department of human
5 services shall disburse the sum of eighteen million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$18,700,00) in
6 the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) total, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)
7 per month for six (6) months as retention bonuses to direct care staff at childcare centers and
8 licensed family providers in response to pandemic-related staffing shortages.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

=====
LC004143
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

A N A C T

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES

1 This act would direct the department of human services (DHS) to disburse the sum of
2 eighteen million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$18,700,000) in the amount of one thousand five
3 hundred dollars (\$1,500) total, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per month for six (6) months
4 as retention bonuses to direct care staff at childcare centers and licensed family providers in
5 response to pandemic related staffing shortages.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

=====
LC004143
=====