

SENATE BILL 1599

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502, relative to the child care and development fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) The department shall assist applicants or licensees in meeting the child care standards of the department unless the circumstances demonstrate that further assistance is not compatible with the continued safety, health or welfare of the children in the agency's care and that regulatory action affecting the agency's license is warranted. All costs and expenses arising from or related to meeting the child care standards of the department shall be borne entirely by the applicant or licensee; provided, however, that at least two percent (2%) of the aggregate child care and development funds block grant expended by the department in any fiscal year shall be expended for the following "activities to improve the quality of child care," as provided in 45 C.F.R. § 98.51:

(A) Making grants or providing loans to child care providers to assist such providers in meeting applicable state, local, and tribal child care standards, including applicable health and safety requirements, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. §§ 98.40 and 98.41; and

(B) Providing training and technical assistance in areas appropriate to the provision of child care services, such as training in

health and safety, nutrition, first aid, the recognition of communicable diseases, child abuse detection and prevention, and care of children with special needs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.