

HB 987 -- Child Care Subsidies

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This bill requires the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services to implement a step reduction method to more efficiently transition recipients off of child day care services benefits. Beginning January 1, 2010, the maximum benefit allocation must be based on the actual dollar amount of the maximum child care services benefit allowed on July 1, 2009, and then gradually reduced to zero using step reductions as established by the division. The step reductions of benefits will be based on incomes of from zero to 85% of the median income in the state. The provisions of the bill will not apply if the method results in a loss of federal child day care services grant moneys.