

SS HB 2290 -- CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

This bill requires the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services to establish rules to become effective by July 1, 2011, to modify the income eligibility criteria for any person receiving state-funded child care assistance through vouchers or direct reimbursement to child care providers. Subject to appropriations, an eligible child care recipient may pay a fee based on his or her adjusted gross income and family size unit on a child care sliding fee scale established by the division. An individual receiving state-funded child care assistance whose income surpasses the annual appropriation level may continue to receive reduced subsidy benefits on a scale established by the division, at which time the person will have assumed the full cost of the maximum base child care subsidy rate and will no longer be eligible for child care subsidy benefits. The sliding scale may be waived by the division for a child with special needs. The maximum payment by the division will be the applicable rate minus the applicable fee.