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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 46, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 46-803.01; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO CHILD CARE
SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 46, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 46-803.01, to read:
4 46-803.01. Child care assistance; eligibility; adjustment;
5 report; rules
6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE
7 FAMILIES WITH INCOMES OF FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT OR LESS OF THE FEDERAL
8 POVERTY LEVEL AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE SHALL
9 CEASE AFTER A TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN RULE BY THE DEPARTMENT ONCE THE
10 FAMILY INCOME EXCEEDS FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.
11 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REDUCE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS FOR
12 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO MANAGE WITHIN APPROPRIATED AND AVAILABLE
13 MONIES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
14 COMMITTEE OF ANY CHANGE IN MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS FOR CHILD
15 CARE ASSISTANCE WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER IMPLEMENTING THE CHANGE.
16 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR DENYING, REDUCING OR
17 TERMINATING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE BASED ON WHETHER SUFFICIENT MONIES EXIST
18 FOR THE ASSISTANCE.
19 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ON DECEMBER 31 AND JUNE 30 OF EACH
20 YEAR TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
21 FAMILIES WHO APPLIED FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, FAMILIES WHO WERE DENIED
22 ASSISTANCE, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND HOUSEHOLDS SERVED, THE LEGISLATIVE
23 DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE HOUSEHOLDS RESIDE AND THE FAMILY INCOME LEVEL.
24 E. THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION,
25 GENDER, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.
26 F. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION THAT
27 INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES TO RECEIVE CASH ASSISTANCE.
28 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of economic security; child
29 care assistance
30 The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general
31 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of economic security for
32 child care assistance.