



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1132

Introduced by: **Representative Healy**

1 **An Act to establish provisions for eligibility in the child care assistance program for**
 2 **certain child care employees.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 28-1-60 be AMENDED:**

5 **28-1-60.** The Department of Social Services shall establish a child care assistance
 6 program ~~of child care services~~ to assist families with child care services and to aid in the
 7 improvement of quality and services for the care of children in day care. The department
 8 may assist in the improvement, availability, and quality of day care for children by
 9 providing training, education, and advocacy for child care.

10 **Section 2. That § 28-1-61 be AMENDED:**

11 **28-1-61.** The secretary of social services ~~may~~ shall adopt ~~reasonable and~~
 12 ~~necessary~~ rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 for the administration of the child care ~~services~~
 13 assistance program in the following areas:

- 14 (1) Eligibility determination, criteria, and application procedure;
- 15 (2) The amount, scope, and duration of child care services and payments;
- 16 (3) Fees;
- 17 (4) Licensing and registration;
- 18 (5) Methods of administration, record keeping, and audit;
- 19 (6) Compliance monitoring;
- 20 (7) Complaint investigation;
- 21 (8) Reporting requirements;
- 22 (9) Eligibility criteria and procedures for grants, contracts, and awards to providers of
- 23 child care services under § 28-1-60;
- 24 (10) Training, community and provider education, and child advocacy; and

1 (11) ~~Such other~~Other standards and requirements as may be necessary to ensure the
 2 efficient operation and administration of the program or as required to qualify for
 3 federal funding.

4 **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 28-1:**

5 In determining eligibility for payments from the child care assistance program, the
 6 Department of Social Services shall exclude all earned and unearned income of an
 7 applicant's household if the applicant is:

- 8 (1) Employed by a:
 9 (a) Before and after school day care program, licensed by the department;
 10 (b) Day care center or group family day care home, licensed by the department;
 11 or
 12 (c) Family day care home, registered by the department; and
 13 (2) Works at least twenty hours per week at the center, home, or program.