

HB 676 -- Child Care Subsidies

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This bill requires the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services to develop rules to become effective by July 1, 2008, modifying the income eligibility criteria for any person receiving state-funded child care assistance, either through vouchers or direct reimbursement to child care providers.

Persons receiving state-funded child care assistance with family incomes of less than 130% of the federal poverty level will receive full child care subsidy benefits; persons with family incomes of 130% to 185% of the federal poverty level will receive benefits reduced proportionately based on family income in excess of 130% of the federal poverty level; and persons with family incomes in excess of 185% of the federal poverty level will not be eligible for child care subsidy benefits.

A fee from a sliding fee scale established by the division may be charged to child care subsidy recipients based on gross income and family unit size. The fee may be waived for children with special needs.