

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 237A.14 AT-HOME INFANT CHILD
2 CARE PROGRAM.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the context
4 otherwise requires:

5 a. "Eligible family" means a family which meets all of the
6 following requirements:

7 (1) The family meets the eligibility requirements for the
8 state child care assistance program.

9 (2) The family is not a participant in the family
10 investment program under chapter 239B, is not receiving other
11 cash assistance from the state or a political subdivision of
12 the state, and is not receiving state child care assistance
13 under section 237A.13 or other public assistance for child
14 care at the time of participation in the at-home infant child
15 care program.

16 (3) The family has not previously received the lifelong
17 maximum total of twelve months of assistance available under
18 the at-home infant child care program.

19 (4) The family has an infant member.

20 b. "Eligible parent" means a parent who meets all of the
21 following requirements:

22 (1) The parent is at least age eighteen and is a member of
23 an eligible family.

24 (2) The parent provides full-time care for the parent's
25 infant in the infant's home.

26 (3) The parent provides in-home care for any other of the
27 parent's children in the eligible family.

28 c. "Infant" means a child who is less than one year of
29 age.

30 d. "Parent" means a birth parent, adoptive parent, or
31 stepparent.

32 e. "State child care assistance program" means the state
33 child care assistance program established under section
34 237A.13.

35 2. The department shall establish an at-home infant child

1 care program in accordance with this section. The program
2 shall include all of the following:

3 a. An eligible family may participate in the at-home
4 infant child care program in lieu of receiving assistance
5 under the state child care assistance program.

6 b. An eligible family is limited to a lifetime total of
7 twelve months of assistance under the program.

8 c. The maximum rate of assistance payable to an eligible
9 family under the at-home infant child care program is seventy-
10 five percent of the maximum reimbursement rate payable under
11 the state child care assistance program for infant child care,
12 less any amount to be paid by the family under the sliding fee
13 scale applicable to the eligible family's income level and
14 family size under the state child care assistance program
15 requirements.

16 3. An eligible family participating in the at-home infant
17 child care program must comply with requirements under the
18 state child care assistance program for reporting income,
19 family changes, and other information. If an eligible family
20 is on a waiting list for the state child care assistance
21 program at the time of admission into the at-home infant child
22 care program, upon leaving the at-home infant child care
23 program the family shall reenter the state child care
24 assistance program at the position to which the family would
25 have advanced on the waiting list if the family had not been
26 admitted into the at-home infant child care program.

27 4. Implementation of the at-home infant child care program
28 is subject to the appropriation of funding specifically for
29 the program.

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EXPLANATION

31 This bill amends the child care facilities Code chapter to
32 require the department of human services to establish an at-
33 home infant child care program for certain families that are
34 eligible for the state child care assistance program and are
35 not participating in the family investment program or

1 otherwise receiving other public assistance. Under program
2 requirements, an eligible family's infant cannot exceed 12
3 months of age.

4 The program has a lifelong maximum of 12 months of
5 assistance. The maximum amount payable to an eligible family
6 is 70 percent of the state's maximum reimbursement for infant
7 child care, less the state child care assistance sliding fee
8 scale amount payable by the family based upon family income
9 and family size. If a participating family was on a waiting
10 list for the state child care assistance program, the family
11 retains the family's spot on the waiting list as though
12 progress on the waiting list had continued while the family
13 participated in the at-home infant child care program.

14 Implementation of the at-home infant child care program is
15 subject to a specific appropriation of funding for the
16 program.

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