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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE--STATE SUBSIDIES

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Blazejewski, Keable, Regunberg, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40-6.2-1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-6.2 entitled "Child
2 Care-State Subsidies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **40-6.2-1.1. Rates established.**

4 (a) Through June 30, 2015, subject to the payment limitations in section (b), the
5 maximum reimbursement rates to be paid by the departments of human services and children,
6 youth and families for licensed child care centers and certified family-child care providers shall
7 be based on the following schedule of the 75th percentile of the 2002 weekly market rates
8 adjusted for the average of the 75th percentile of the 2002 and the 2004 weekly market rates:

9 LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	75 th PERCENTILE OF WEEKLY MARKET RATE
10 INFANT	\$182.00
11 PRESCHOOL	\$150.00
12 SCHOOL-AGE	\$135.00
13 CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS	75 th PERCENTILE OF WEEKLY MARKET RATE
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15 INFANT	\$150.00
16 PRESCHOOL	\$150.00
17 SCHOOL-AGE	\$135.00

Effective July 1,
18 2015, subject to the payment limitations in subsection (b), the maximum reimbursement rates to
19 be paid by the departments of human services and children, youth and families for licensed child

1 care centers and certified family-child care providers shall be based on the above schedule of the
2 75th percentile of the 2002 weekly market rates adjusted for the average of the 75th percentile of
3 the 2002 and the 2004 weekly market rates. These rates shall be increased by ten dollars (\$10.00)
4 per week for infant/toddler care provided by certified family-child care providers and license-
5 exempt providers and then the rates for all providers for all age groups shall be increased by three
6 percent (3%). [Effective July 1, 2017, the above rates established by the July 1, 2015 rate](#)
7 [adjustment, for all providers and all age groups shall be increased by five percent \(5%\).](#)

8 (b) The department shall pay child care providers based on the lesser of the applicable
9 rate specified in subsection (a), or the lowest rate actually charged by the provider to any of its
10 public or private child care customers with respect to each of the rate categories, infant, preschool
11 and school-age.

12 (c) By June 30, 2004 and biennially through June 30, 2014, the department of labor and
13 training shall conduct an independent survey or certify an independent survey of the then current
14 weekly market rates for child care in Rhode Island and shall forward such weekly market rate
15 survey to the department of human services. The next survey shall be conducted by June 30,
16 2016, and triennially thereafter. The departments of human services and labor and training will
17 jointly determine the survey criteria including, but not limited to, rate categories and sub-
18 categories.

19 (d) In order to expand the accessibility and availability of quality child care, the
20 department of human services is authorized to establish by regulation alternative or incentive
21 rates of reimbursement for quality enhancements, innovative or specialized child care and
22 alternative methodologies of child care delivery, including non-traditional delivery systems and
23 collaborations.

24 (e) On or before January 1, 2007, all child care providers have the option to be paid every
25 two (2) weeks and have the option of automatic direct deposit and/or electronic funds transfer of
26 reimbursement payments.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would raise the maximum reimbursement rate for licensed child care providers
- 2 by five percent (5%).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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