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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Isaacsohn and Sweeney

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### SUMMARY

- Extends publicly funded child care eligibility to child care staff members, regardless of family income.
- Makes an appropriation.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Publicly funded child care for child care staff members

Subject to available funds, the bill extends publicly funded child care (PFCC) to individuals employed as child care staff members regardless of family income. This includes employees of child care centers, type A family child care homes, and licensed type B family child care homes who are primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. It excludes employees of approved child day camps and administrators, authorized representatives, or owners of child care facilities.<sup>1</sup>

Under existing law maintained by the bill, to be eligible for PFCC, both of the following conditions must be met:

- The child in need of care must be under age 13 or, in the case of a special needs child, under age 18;
- The child's caretaker parent must be employed or participating in an education or training program for an amount of time reasonably related to the time the children are receiving PFCC.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5104.01(O), not in bill; R.C. 5104.342(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5104.34.

A child care staff member employed by a child care center or family care home also must satisfy these requirements to receive PFCC under the bill.<sup>3</sup>

Additionally, the bill provides PFCC eligibility for child care staff members without regard to income by requiring the county department of job and family services to exclude all of a family's income in determining eligibility if an applicant demonstrates that the child's caretaker parent is a child care staff member.<sup>4</sup>

## PFCC eligibility under current law

Current Ohio law guarantees PFCC for Ohio Works First (cash assistance) participants and transitional child care recipients.<sup>5</sup> Transitional child care allows an individual to continue receiving PFCC for a 12-month period after participating in Ohio Works First. Such an individual must need child care due to employment, and the individual's income must not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL).<sup>6</sup> Receipt of PFCC by others is subject to available funds and income eligibility limits.

At present, a family's maximum income for initial eligibility for PFCC must not exceed 145% FPL. For special needs child care, the maximum amount for initial eligibility must not exceed 150% FPL. And for continuing eligibility, the maximum amount must not exceed 300% FPL.<sup>7</sup>

## Appropriation

As soon as possible after the bill's effective date, the Director of Children and Youth must certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount necessary to provide PFCC benefits during fiscal year 2025 to eligible child care staff members. The bill appropriates that amount.<sup>8</sup>

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## HISTORY

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Introduced	05-15-24

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5104.342(B).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5104.342(B).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5104.30(A).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 5104.34(A)(3).

<sup>7</sup> Section 423.130 of H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and R.C. 5104.38, not in bill.

<sup>8</sup> Section 6.