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Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in FY 2026 in GRF line item 830414, Child Care Cred Program, under the Ohio Department of Children and Youth's (DCY) budget, to support the Child Care Cred Program.
- If any state or local public employer chooses to participate in the program, the employer would realize costs. Costs would depend on the number of employees and their children that participate and the cost of child care provided.

Detailed Analysis

Child Care Cred Program

The bill creates the Child Care Cred Program under the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY). Under the program, the costs of child care are shared equally by participating employees, their employers, and, subject to available funds, DCY. The bill establishes certain conditions on program participation and requires a child care provider under the program to hold a child care center or family child care home license issued by the state or be certified as an in-home aide by a county department of job and family services. Each employee and employer must together submit an application to DCY in a manner prescribed by the Department. DCY must review each application and determine if both are eligible to participate.

After DCY determines an employee and employer are both eligible and each agrees to participate, the bill requires the employee to select a child care provider, with DCY's assistance, and requires the employee to enroll the child with the selected provider. DCY may require the employee, employer, and child care provider to each sign a memorandum of understanding with the Department. DCY is responsible for coordinating and performing all administrative activities

associated with the sharing of child care costs and making payments to child care providers. The bill authorizes DCY to adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill's provisions.

Fiscal impact

The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in FY 2026 in GRF line item 830414, Child Care Cred Program, under DCY's budget to support the program. If any state or local public employer chooses to participate in the program, the employer would realize costs depending on the number of employees and their children that participate and the cost of child care provided by each participating child care provider.