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To create the Workforce Investment Now (WIN) for 1
Child Care pilot program to provide publicly 2
funded child care to child care staff members 3
and to make an appropriation. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "child care staff 5
member" does not include an employee of an approved child day 6
camp or an administrator, authorized representative, or owner. 7

(B) The Department of Children and Youth shall establish 8
the Workforce Investment Now (WIN) for Child Care pilot program 9
to provide publicly funded child care to child care staff 10
members. Subject to available funds, the pilot program shall 11
operate during fiscal years 2026 and 2027. 12

(C) Under the program, when determining eligibility for 13
publicly funded child care as described in section 5104.34 of 14
the Revised Code, a county department of job and family services 15
shall exclude all of a family's income from that determination 16
if an applicant for publicly funded child care demonstrates to 17
the county department that the child's caretaker parent is a 18
child care staff member who works a minimum of twenty hours per 19
week. Such an applicant shall otherwise meet the requirements of 20

division (A) (2) (a) of section 5104.34 of the Revised Code. 21

(D) Not later than six months after the conclusion of the 22
pilot program, the Department shall complete a report on the 23
information collected and findings from the pilot program. On 24
completion, the Department shall submit the report to the 25
Governor and to the General Assembly in accordance with section 26
101.68 of the Revised Code. 27

Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 28
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 29
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 30
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 31
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 32
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 33
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 34

Section 3. 35
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A	KID DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF 830412 Child Care Grants		\$20,000,000		\$0
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$20,000,000		\$0
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$20,000,000		\$0
	CHILD CARE GRANTS				37
	The foregoing appropriation item 830412, Child Care				38
	Grants, shall be used for the Workforce Investment Now (WIN) for				39

Child Care pilot program described in Section 1 of this act. 40

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 41
appropriation item 830412, Child Care Grants, at the end of 42
fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same 43
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027. 44

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 45
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 46
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 47
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 48
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 49
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 50
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 51
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 52
of the 136th General Assembly. 53