



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 498

SENATE BILL NO. 1104

By Yarbrow, Akbari, Haile

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1509

By McKenzie, Ramsey, Whitson, Marsh, Hardaway, Stewart, Dixie, Camper, Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to child care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-130(b), is amended by deleting the language "from the market rate study" and substituting the language "from the market rate study or utilizing an alternative methodology".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-130(c), is amended by deleting the language "results of the market rate study" and substituting the language "results of the market rate study; the results of an alternative methodology utilized, if applicable;".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) For purposes of this section, "alternative methodology":

(1) Means a method of determining the costs of day care other than by a market rate study; and

(2) Includes cost-of-quality studies and cost estimation models.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-105, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) The department is authorized to take actions necessary to support the development of shared services alliances and family child care networks to improve the quality of child care in this state, give child care providers access to innovative child care business resource platforms, and provide a means of cost savings to child care providers through negotiated discounts. The department may contract with one (1) or more entities as necessary to implement this subsection (c).

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2021


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2021


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR