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HOUSE BILL DRH30576-LUa-130A

Short Title: Reduce Parent Copays/Child Care Subsidy/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lofton.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND
3 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9D.3(b) of S.L. 2023-134 reads as rewritten:

6 "**SECTION 9D.3.(b)** Fees ~~Beginning October 1, 2026, fees~~ for families who are required to
7 share in the cost of care are established based on ~~ten percent (10%)~~ seven percent (7%) of gross
8 family income. When care is received at the blended rate, the copayment shall be eighty-three
9 percent (83%) of the full-time copayment. Copayments for part-time care shall be seventy-five
10 percent (75%) of the full-time copayment."

11 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
12 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of
13 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal
14 year to reduce parent copayments for subsidized child care in accordance with Section 1 of this
15 act.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.



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