

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 651

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

Sponsors: Representatives Lofton, von Haefen, Prather, and Helfrich (Primary Sponsors).
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April 2, 2025

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to reduce parent copayments for subsidized child care in accordance with Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.



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