

House File 868

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1 Amend House File 868 as follows:

2 1. Page 23, after line 30 by inserting:

3 <Sec. ____ . CHILD CARE INCENTIVES TASK FORCE.

4 1. The college student aid commission shall convene a
5 child care programs and professionals task force to study
6 and make recommendations for financial aid-related policy
7 changes to address the need for child care programs and child
8 care professionals in Iowa. The executive director of the
9 commission shall appoint members of the task force who shall
10 include representatives from the departments of education,
11 human services, and workforce development; representatives
12 from public and private accredited postsecondary institutions;
13 child care providers; and organizations representing child care
14 advocates.

15 2. The task force shall review current policies and
16 proposals in Iowa and other states that address child care
17 programs and child care professionals. The taskforce shall
18 develop and conduct the following surveys:

19 a. A survey of the general public designed to identify the
20 incentives most likely to assist to persons who wish to pursue
21 a child care professional degree or to become a child care
22 provider in rural Iowa.

23 b. A survey of current child care providers designed to
24 identify issues relating to, and obstacles affecting efforts
25 to, bring child care providers and child care professionals
26 into high-need areas.

27 3. The task force shall also review the cost of providing
28 child care in Iowa, along with the wage threshold of child care
29 providers throughout the state.

30 4. The task force shall submit its findings and
31 recommendations, including a summary and evaluation of current
32 and proposed policies in Iowa and in other states, the results
33 of the surveys, and any recommended policy changes, in a report
34 to the governor and general assembly by October 15, 2021.>

35 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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