1 SENATE FLOOR VERSION April 23, 2025 AS AMENDED 2 3 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1849 By: Schreiber, Tedford, Hefner, Lawson, Moore, Ranson, 4 Deck, Munson, and 5 Pogemiller of the House 6 and Gollihare of the Senate 7 8 9 [children - sunset - program - income - subsidy -10 notice - conditions - copayment - codification effective date] 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 461 of Title 10, unless there is 15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 16 Α. There is hereby created until November 1, 2028, in 17 accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Teacher Recruitment and 18 Retention Program to be administered by Oklahoma Partnership for 19 School Readiness. 20 The Program, through Oklahoma Partnership for School 21 Readiness, shall ensure that: 22 1. Any employee who is employed by a child care facility 23 licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing

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- Act shall have household income exempted from consideration when eligibility is determined for the Child Care Subsidy Program administered by the Department of Human Services;
 - 2. When an employee who is employed by a licensed child care facility leaves employment of the licensed provider, the provider shall provide written notice to the Department of Human Services that the employee is no longer employed within thirty (30) days; and
 - 3. Other than the income exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection and the reporting requirements established pursuant to this subsection, all other conditions of eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program located in the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) shall be followed.
 - C. Subsection B of this section shall not apply to employees who are employed by a child care facility licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and who are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy Program without household income being exempted.
 - D. The Department of Human Services shall waive copayments for employees who are employed by a licensed child care facility and who qualify under income eligibility requirements of the Child Care Subsidy Program.
- SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
- 23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS April 23, 2025 DO PASS