

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB676
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Impact:	\$11,500,000

Research Analysis

The floor amendment for SB 676 creates the Teach Recruitment and Retention Program to be administered by Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, set to sunset on November 1, 2028. The program will ensure that any employee employed by a child care facility will have household income exempted from consideration when eligibility is determined for the Child Care Subsidy Program. Additionally, when an employee leaves, the provider will provide written notice within 30 days. Other than these conditions, all other conditions of eligibility located in administrative code will be followed. This will not apply to individuals employed by a child care facility who are eligible for the subsidy program without the household income exemption. The Department of Human Services will waive copayments for employees of a licensed child care facility who qualify for the subsidy program under income eligibility requirements.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUB VERSION FROM ENGROSSED VERSION

The floor substitute removes the engrossed version and puts new language in the bill.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to SB 676 introduces the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Program, which exempts household income from being factored in when determining eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program for employees of child care facilities. This program will be administered through November 1, 2028, by the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (OPSR), a nonprofit created by the Legislature to facilitate access to early care services through private and public partnerships. As such, it is anticipated that OPSR will absorb any costs related to the implementation of this measure.

According to DHS, implementing categorical eligibility for child care workers would result in a fiscal impact of Twenty-One Million Dollars (\$21,000,000) annually. However, since roughly half of these workers are already eligible for a subsidy, the fiscal impact will be reduced to approximately Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000). The requirement to waive copayments for subsidy participants costs an additional One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000).

Therefore, the total anticipated impact on the state budget is \$11,500,000 annually. The annual cost estimates provided by DHS are based on the prior program that existed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Other Considerations

None.

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