

HOUSE BILL No. 2664

By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

Requested by Representative Johnson

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1 AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2025, for the Kansas state university extension systems and
3 agriculture research programs for a program to increase the supply of
4 child care providers; establishing a program to award funds to child
5 care service providers who provide services to home-based child care
6 providers.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1.

10 KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SYSTEMS
11 AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

12 (a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general
13 fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14 Cooperative extension service (including
15 official hospitality) (369-00-1000-1020).....\$15,000,000

16 *Provided*, That expenditures shall be made from the cooperative extension
17 service (including official hospitality) account in an amount not to exceed
18 \$10,000,000 to administer a program intended for the recruitment and
19 retention of home-based child care providers pursuant to section 2, and
20 amendments thereto.

21 Sec. 2. (a) Subject to appropriations, KSU 105 project shall
22 administer and provide oversight for a program that awards funding to a
23 child care service provider to increase the supply of child care family
24 homes, group homes and centers by recruiting and coaching prospective
25 child care providers through the initial business planning and
26 implementation process and develop and execute a mentorship program
27 for new child care family homes, group homes and centers.

28 (b) To be eligible for funding under such a program, a child care
29 service provider shall:

30 (1) Not be a state entity;

31 (2) provide similar services in three states;

32 (3) partner with KSU 105 project to plan, staff and execute in-person
33 and virtual recruitment events for new home-based child care providers in
34 areas of need and develop informational materials that assist home-based
35 child care providers with marketing, advertising and parental outreach;

1 (4) execute a two-year mentorship program for new home-based child
2 care providers to coach prospective home-based child care providers
3 through the initial business planning and implementation process;

4 (5) provide a software platform, including customizable dashboards,
5 to assist home-based child care providers with marketing, enrollment,
6 family communication, billing and expense reporting; and

7 (6) offer home-based child care providers coaching and training,
8 including in-person group training sessions, on-site coaching visits,
9 community forums and events.

10 (c) Prior to recipient's receipt of funds, Kansas state university and
11 the recipient shall enter into an agreement that includes:

12 (1) All necessary identifying information of the recipient, including
13 any tax and financial information for the program to administer funds
14 under this section; and

15 (2) a description of the project for which the funds shall be expended,
16 including tentative timelines and an estimated budget.

17 (d) The recipients shall report to KSU 105 project the following:

18 (1) Number of home-based child care providers enrolled in the
19 recipient's program;

20 (2) number of child care spots created;

21 (3) number of home-based child care providers on the waitlist; and

22 (4) potential long-term economic impact of the awarded funds.

23 (e) If KSU 105 project reasonably determine funds to any recipient
24 are misused or the grant's use was misrepresented by the recipient, KSU
25 105 project shall not award funds to such recipient and may revoke any
26 agreement executed. Upon such determination, KSU 105 project may
27 subject the recipient to internal audit protocols.

28 (f) KSU 105 project shall be subject to procurement and bidding
29 processes in Kansas law.

30 (g) Recipients shall respond to requests for information from the
31 legislature or state agencies.

32 (h) As used in this section:

33 (1) "Child care service providers" means an entity that provides
34 services for child care providers and child care facilities, including, but not
35 limited to, peer mentoring, compliant and regulatory assistance.

36 (2) "Home-based child care providers" means an individual who has
37 control or custody of one or more children under 16 years of age,
38 unattended by parent or guardian, for the purpose of providing food or
39 lodging, or both. "Home-based child care providers" shall not include
40 individuals who provide such care to children in the custody of the
41 secretary for children and families who are placed with a prospective
42 adoptive family pursuant to the provisions of an adoptive placement
43 agreement or who are related to the person by blood, marriage or legal

1 adoption within such individual's own home.

2 (3) "KSU 105 project" means an education program at Kansas state
3 university that provides outreach to 105 counties in Kansas.

4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.