

House Bill 524

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To increase state funded compensation for child care; to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the  
2 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of School Readiness, so as to  
3 provide for the same rate of compensation for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs to  
4 licensed child care learning centers and public schools; to provide for training and education  
5 supplements in certain circumstances; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the  
6 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families  
7 Act, so as to increase the amount of state subsidies for child care for recipients of Temporary  
8 Assistance to Needy Families; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of  
12 School Readiness, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code  
13 Section 20-1A-8 to read as follows:

14 "20-1A-8.

15 The Office of School Readiness shall provide the same rate of compensation for voluntary  
16 pre-kindergarten programs to licensed child care learning centers and public schools. When  
17 the pre-kindergarten program of a licensed child care learning center employs one or more  
18 lead teachers certificated by the Professional Standards Commission, the rate of  
19 compensation for such a center shall include state training and education supplements paid  
20 to certificated pre-kindergarten teachers in programs operated by public schools."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
23 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Act, is amended by inserting a new Code section  
24 to be designated Code Section 49-4-193 to read as follows:

1 "49-4-193.  
2 In providing subsidies for child care for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy  
3 Families, the department shall determine the amount of the subsidy for each child as an  
4 amount equal to or greater than the seventy-fifth percentile rate as determined by the  
5 department's most recent market rate survey for child care."

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.