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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of HB 234

On page 2, after line 8, insert the following:

"(4) Upon depletion of the federal Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant funds, state general fund appropriations for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this section shall not exceed the amount of state general funds appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2014-2015 unless additional funds are appropriated by the General Assembly.

Section 2. KRS 199.8941 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Early Childhood Advisory Council shall, by administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, establish a program of monetary incentives including but not limited to an increased child-care subsidy and a one-time merit achievement award for child-care centers and certified family child-care homes that are tied to **the quality-based graduated early care and education program**~~[a quality]~~ rating system~~[for child care as]~~ established under KRS 199.8943. **Administrative regulations promulgated by the council related to the quality-based graduated early care and education program rating system shall expire on December 31, 2017, unless extended by legislation of the General Assembly.**
- (2) The monetary incentive program shall be reviewed annually by the council for the purpose

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of determining future opportunities to provide incentives.

- (3) Participation in the program of monetary incentives and in the quality rating system by child-care centers and certified family child-care homes is voluntary.
- (4) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall encourage the professional development of persons who are employed or provide training in a child-care or early childhood setting by facilitating their participation in the scholarship program for obtaining a child development associate credential, postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree, or specialty credential as established under KRS 164.518.

Section 3. KRS 199.8996 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall prepare the following reports to the General Assembly on child-care programs, and shall make them available to the public:
 - (a) A quarterly report detailing the number of children and amounts of child-care subsidies provided in each area development district;
 - (b) A quarterly report on administrative expenses incurred in the operation of child-care subsidy programs;
 - (c) A quarterly report on disbursements of federal child-care block grant funds for training, resource and referral, and similar activities; and
 - (d) Beginning July 15, 1993, an annual report summarizing the average child-care subsidy activities per month in all Kentucky counties.
- (2) The cabinet shall file an annual report on its evaluation of the adequacy of the child-care subsidy to enable low-income families in need of child-care services to obtain child care with the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Legislative Research Commission.
- (3) The cabinet shall file an annual report on the number of dedicated child-care licensing surveyor positions and the ratio of surveyors to child-care facilities with the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Legislative Research Commission.

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(4) By November 1, 2017, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Early Childhood Advisory Council shall report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare on recommendations and plans for sustaining the quality-based graduated early care and education program after the depletion of federal Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant funds."