

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 829

Short Title: Bright Beginnings Child Care Access/Supp. Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Batch (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 9D.3(b) of S.L. 2023-134 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 9D.3.(b) Fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care are established based on ~~ten percent (10%)~~ five percent (5%) of gross family income. When care is received at the blended rate, the copayment shall be eighty-three percent (83%) of the full-time copayment. Copayments for part-time care shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the full-time copayment."

SECTION 1.(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to allocate a portion of the anticipated increase in funds to the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant to supplement the funding necessary for the copayment reduction described in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2024.

