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HOUSE BILL 854

Short Title: Subsidy Market Rate Adjust./Tier 3 Counties. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Malone, Murphy, Setzer, and Dollar (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Appropriations

April 13, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY MARKET RATES
RECOMMENDED BY THE 2015 CHILD CARE MARKET RATE STUDY FOR AGES
THREE THROUGH FIVE IN TIER THREE COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Beginning July 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, shall increase the child care subsidy market rates to the rates recommended by the 2015 Child Care Market Rate Study for ages three through five years of age in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes in tier three counties. For purposes of this act, a tier three county shall have the same designation as established by the N.C. Department of Commerce's 2015 County Tier Designations.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of twelve million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$12,900,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to provide funds to increase the child care subsidy market rates recommended by the 2015 Child Care Market Rate Study for ages three through five years of age in three-, four-, and five-star-rated child care centers and homes in tier three counties.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

