

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1160

Short Title: Reduce Parent Copays/Child Care Subsidy/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lofton, Prather, von Haefen, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND  
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**"SECTION 9D.3.(b) Fees**—Beginning October 1, 2026, fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care are established based on ~~ten percent (10%)~~ seven percent (7%) 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 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 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to reduce parent copayments for subsidized child care in accordance with Section 1 of this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.



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