

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 651

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

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

April 2, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND  
3 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**SECTION 9D.3.(b)** Fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care are  
7 established based on ~~ten percent (10%)~~ seven percent (7%) of gross family income. When care  
8 is received at the blended rate, the copayment shall be eighty-three percent (83%) of the full-time  
9 copayment. Copayments for part-time care shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the full-time  
10 copayment."

11 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
12 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of  
13 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal  
14 biennium to reduce parent copayments for subsidized child care in accordance with Section 1 of  
15 this act.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

