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AB 452: California Child Care Facilities Grant Program



PURPOSE

In California just 12% of infants and toddlers attend a licensed early childhood education program and just 3% are in a licensed facility. AB 452 addresses the shortage of child care facilities in California by establishing the California Childcare Facilities Grant Program.

PROBLEM & BACKGROUND

The California Department of Education (CDE) currently administers the California Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund (CCFRF). This program offers interest free loans to local education agencies and programs that contract with CDE for the purchase of portables to be used for child care programs. Also under the CCFRF, is the California Renovation and Repair Loan (CRRL) program that provides interest free loans for child care centers to make repairs. Unfortunately, annual reports to the legislature reflect that the CCFRF is so underutilized that it serves little to no purpose.

Both the Assembly Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission and the Advancement Project's Policy Brief on Facilities have recommended a targeted facilities grant program for childcare facilities.

SOLUTION

AB 452 converts the CCFRF and the CRRL into the California Childcare Facilities Grant Fund. The Fund will continue to be administered by The California Department of Education but with new guidelines.

Eligible Entities:

- Local Educational Agencies
- California Head Start and Early Head Start
- State subsidized child care program providers
- Family childcare home education network providers

Projects Eligible for Funding:

- renovation, repair, or modernization of facilities and spaces to meet licensing, health, and safety standards
- purchase of portable classrooms that meet, or will be renovated to meet, licensing, health, and safety standards
- construction of new buildings that meet, licensing, health, and safety standards

SUPPORT

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