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HOUSE BILL DRH40419-LUa-110A

Short Title: Expand the WAGES Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative von Haefen.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE WAGES PROGRAM  
3 STATEWIDE.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
6 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), the  
7 sum of twenty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$22,700,000) in recurring funds for  
8 the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of thirty-six million three hundred thousand dollars  
9 (\$36,300,000) in recurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to expand the Child Care WAGES  
10 program, which provides salary supplements for early childhood educators. The funds shall be  
11 used to provide education-based supplements to low-wage educators and expand the program to  
12 all 100 counties in this State. The Division shall have one statewide contract with the Child Care  
13 Services Association (CCSA) to administer the WAGES program, one supplement structure, and  
14 one set of eligibility requirements that apply to all counties in the State.  
15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

