

- (1) Capital expenditures are prohibited for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium. For the purposes of this section, "capital expenditures" means expenditures for capital improvements as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(5).
- (2) Expenditures of State funds for advertising and promotional activities are prohibited for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium.

For the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, local partnerships shall not spend any State funds on marketing campaigns, advertising, or any associated materials. Local partnerships may spend any private funds the local partnerships receive on those activities.

#### **STATEWIDE EARLY EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 12B.8.(a)** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services shall appoint a subcommittee to study early childhood and family support programs, including the Child Care Subsidy program, NC Prekindergarten program (NC Pre-K), and the Smart Start program. In conducting the study, the subcommittee shall consider the following:

- (1) The purpose, outcomes, and effectiveness of each program.
- (2) The flexibility needed to ensure the needs of young children in counties across the State are met.
- (3) The potential for streamlined administration across the programs.
- (4) Any other relevant issues the subcommittee deems appropriate.

**SECTION 12B.8.(b)** The subcommittee may seek input from other states, stakeholders, and national experts on early child and family support programs as it deems necessary.

**SECTION 12B.8.(c)** The subcommittee shall develop a proposal for a statewide plan that addresses how to meet county or regional needs of children by county or region. The subcommittee shall submit a report on the proposed statewide plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before April 1, 2016, at which time the subcommittee shall terminate.

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES PARTICIPATION IN STATE-SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

**SECTION 12B.9.(a)** Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 110-106.2. Department of Defense-certified child care facilities.**

**(a)** As used in this section, the phrase "Department of Defense-certified child care facility" shall include child development centers, family child care homes, and school-aged child care facilities operated aboard a military installation under the authorization of the United States Department of Defense (Department of Defense) certified by the Department of Defense.

**(b)** Procedure Regarding Department of Defense-Certified Child Care Facilities. —

- (1)** Department of Defense-certified child care facilities shall file with the Department a notice of intent to operate a child care facility in a form determined by the Department of Defense.
- (2)** As part of its notice, each Department of Defense-certified child care facility shall file a report to the Department indicating that it meets the minimum standards for child care facilities as provided by the Department of Defense.
- (3)** Department of Defense-certified child care facilities that meet all the requirements of this section shall be exempt from all other requirements of this Article and shall not be subject to licensure.
- (4)** For purposes of the North Carolina Subsidized Child Care Program, Department of Defense-certified child care facilities shall be reimbursed as follows:
  - a.** Department of Defense-certified child care facilities that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) shall be reimbursed based on the five-star-rated license rate.
  - b.** All other Department of Defense-certified child care facilities shall be reimbursed based on the four-star-rated license rate."

**SECTION 12B.9.(b)** G.S. 143B-168.15(g) reads as rewritten: