

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 188**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia**

January 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 8223 of the Education Code, relating to child care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 188, as introduced, Cristina Garcia. Child care: alternative payment providers: reimbursement rates: eligibility requirements.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to contract with local contracting agencies for alternative payment programs that are intended to allow for maximum parental choice in child care. Existing law requires reimbursement for alternative payment programs to include the cost of child care paid to child care providers plus the administrative and support services costs of the alternative payment program, as provided, and limits the total cost for administration and support services to an amount not to exceed 17.5% of the total contract amount.

This bill would also require alternative payment programs to be reimbursed for making eligibility determinations at a rate of three percent of the total contract amount.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8223 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:

1       8223. (a) The reimbursement for alternative payment programs  
2 shall include the cost of child care paid to child care providers plus  
3 the administrative and support services costs of the alternative  
4 payment program. ~~The~~ *Except as provided in subdivision (b), the*  
5 total cost for administration and support services shall not exceed  
6 an amount equal to 17.5 percent of the total contract amount. The  
7 administrative costs shall not exceed the costs allowable for  
8 administration under federal requirements.  
9       (b) *The alternative payment programs shall additionally be*  
10 *reimbursed for making eligibility determinations at a rate of 3*  
11 *percent of the total contract amount.*