

# ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT Legislative Bill

Bill # 48

Referred to Committee: 6

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**Action on the Bill** 

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AN ACT TO: Increase funding and financial aid for daycare centers for working parents

The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

## <u>Purpose</u>

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The purpose of this bill is to let parents to be able to work and provide for their child while their child is learning, developing, socializing, and being supervised. This bill is meant to help not just parents who can't afford care for their child but also their kids who are developing most at that young age.

### **Summary of Provisions**

Section 1: Definitions

<u>Daycare</u> - daytime care for the needs of people who cannot be fully independent, such as children or elderly people.

<u>Aid</u> - help, typically of a practical nature.

#### Section 2:

There would be an online program to apply for financial aid support for daycare. This would see if you are viable by looking at your yearly income number of children and would also depend on your job.

#### Section 3:

Money would be given out to those who qualified for financial aid \$76,000,000,000 would be given out in total and as it is addressed in fiscal implications this money will be from the federal budget.

# <u>Justification</u>

The average cost of day care per child, per week is \$196. This means that a family with just one child at a full-time day care center pays \$10,192 a year. The average american household earns Roughly \$50,000. One fifth of an average household income would be spent on daycare leaving a restrained budget. This hurts the wellbeing of the whole family financial aid could help to take away that stress and budget restraint. This financial aid could also affect the future giving developing children a good environment where they are able to socialize, and learn, while being under supervision and in safe care. Studies show that your brain develops most from when you are first born to the age of 6.

#### Fiscal Implications

The funding for this financial aid program would come from the educational part of the federal budget because it has to do with young development and learning. This portion of the federal budget is 4%. This bill would take approximately 0.2%

#### **Effective Date**

10 months after passing

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