



Kentucky Chamber

CONSENSUS LEGISLATION

to Support Child Care
Solutions in Kentucky



House Bill 6 and **House Joint Resolution 50**, sponsored by Representative Samara Heavrin, implement key child care policies to support working families and workforce development. This legislation reflects 18 months of work by policymakers and the Kentucky Collaborative on Child Care, an initiative established by the Kentucky Chamber to create consensus among more than 40 stakeholders with different opinions on the issue.

Together, these bills lay the foundation for a sustainable child care system that works for working families.

How This Legislation Supports Working Families:

- **Ensures Quality:** Modernizes the Kentucky All STARS program to emphasize outcomes
- **Reviews Regulations:** Starts a process to make it easier to open and operate child care
- **Improves Affordability:** Reforms the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership to encourage more use by employers
- **Encourages Innovation:** Authorizes child care micro-centers to fill gaps like third-shift care and rural child care
- **Supports Providers:** Ensures a fair payment formula for CCAP that reflects the cost of care
- **Supports Child Care Workers:** Codifies the state’s “child care assistance for child care workers” program
- **Community Engagement:** Establishes a new initiative to support community problem-solving
- **Financial Transparency:** Clarifies taxpayer spending on child care to help ensure ROI
- **Improves Data:** Creates better data systems and standards to help track progress and identify major gaps
- **Supports Special Needs Children:** Strengthens child care training requirements and support systems for children with special needs
- **More Public Input:** Expands the Child Care Advisory Council to include more perspectives and expertise and help implement new child care initiatives

In addition to this legislation, supporters are advocating for one-time expenditures to ensure policy implementation and a continuation of critical child care investments made by the General Assembly in the 2024 budget cycle.

Read more about the Kentucky Collaborative on Child Care at kychamber.com/childcare.

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