

ICSEW BILL ALERT

SB 5225

Increase access to
the working
connections child
care program



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Why does this bill matter to you?

How does it apply to state employed women.

- This bill will increase access to the working connections child care program which is recognized as providing quality child care for families.
- The legislature intends to systemically increase child care subsidy rates over time until rates are equal to the full cost of providing high quality child care.
- This will expand the working connections child care program to provide access to child care to parents who are students who receive higher education tuition assistance regardless of their immigration status.
- This will establish and implement policies to promote stability and quality of care for children from low-income households. These policies shall focus on supporting school readiness for young learners.

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