



Georgia Child Care Association Legislative and Regulatory Focus

2017

2017 Legislative Priorities

Lobby for increased funding for CAPS which includes the +\$5.6M the Governor included in his budget recommendation to support high quality and preserve slots

Ensure funding for private Pre-K teacher salaries remains on par with those in public school. Governor added \$7.0 M into Pre-K largely for teacher raises

Repeal the Fair Labor Standards Act overtime rules which more than doubled wages for white collar exempt employees

Work with Congress to modify the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) which include new, onerous mandates for comprehensive record checks

Oppose Senate Bill 24 that expands exemptions to licensure for nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten programs, and other educational programs who serve children 0-2 years old for 4 consecutive hours per day and up to 20 hours per week

Ensure that Georgia Pre-K is included, along with Hope in any Casino legislation to support future funding for the program

Regulatory Priorities

Work with DECAL to revise Pre-K roster count policies that negatively impact payments for counts lower than 22 students

Work with DECAL on CAPS subsidy solutions as part of the Early Education Task Force to minimize number of children displaced from the program and fund quality

Advocate reducing the number and scope of exemptions to licensing and increase penalties for those operating unlicensed care

Collaborate with DECAL on crafting new fingerprint background regulation to meet federal mandates that are provider friendly and potentially save the “provisional employee status”