

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 383 (SB 351)

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Jackson-Andrews

New law provides that an expectant mother may apply for assistance from the Child Care Assistance Program prior to birth of the child in order to preliminarily determine whether the applicant will be eligible. Requires the Dept. of Education to develop a process to determine provisional eligibility of an applicant and to later confirm eligibility after the birth of the child. Provides that this process is subject to approval by the Senate and House committees on education, meeting separately or jointly. Provides for rulemaking by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for new law implementation.

Existing law provides for the La. Early Childhood Education Fund, which is administered by BESE, and for the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education, which is established by BESE. New law changes references to "the board" within existing law to BESE and otherwise retains existing law.

New law provides that new law shall be known and may be cited as the "Working Mothers' Support Act".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1) and 407.51(H)(1); Adds R.S. 17:407.29.1)