

2021 Louisiana Legislative Session Recap:

Wins for Early Care and Education

25% of sports betting revenues will go to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund.



The Legislature passed SB 142, which commits 25% of sports betting revenues up to \$20 million to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund (Fund). The Fund offers local entities a dollar-for-dollar state match on local investments in early care and education. Sports betting will provide significant recurring revenue to the Fund and incentivize local governments across Louisiana to make investments in early care and education that are eligible for a 100% match with state dollars. Special thanks to Senator Rick Ward who authored the bill.

50% of NBA Pelicans specialty license plate revenues will go to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund.



The Legislature also passed HB 601, which commits 50% of revenue generated from the Pelicans specialty license plate to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund. Special thanks to Representative Jonathan Goudeau who authored the bill.

Diapers and menstrual hygiene products will no longer be taxed in the state of Louisiana.



The Legislature passed HB 7, which removes the sales tax on diapers for children and adults and menstrual hygiene products and makes these essential items more affordable for everyone in our state, including parents, families, and child care providers. Special thanks to Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman who authored the bill.

A new post-secondary community college grant program for adults will explore child care benefits for award recipients.



The Legislature passed SB 148, which creates the M.J. Foster Promise Program that offers grants to adults seeking education and training in high-demand careers through the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. The program will explore options to provide potential benefits such as child care supplements to support award recipients who have young children. Special thanks to Senator Page Cortez who authored the bill.

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