



# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

## State Budget Office

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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

2026-H 7320

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Date Requested:** Thursday, March 26, 2026

**Date Due:** Sunday, April 5, 2026

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2026	N/A	FY 2026	N/A
FY 2027	\$2,103,600	FY 2027	N/A
FY 2028	\$1,940,222	FY 2028	N/A

**Explanation by State Budget Office:**

This act would remove the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance. This act would take effect upon passage.

**Summary of Facts and Assumptions:**

The bill states that this act would take effect upon passage, which the Budget Office assumes to be July 1, 2026.

It is assumed that removing the child support cooperation requirement from CCAP eligibility will increase the number of single parent families who are categorically or income eligible who can receive and retain child care. This would allow an estimated 174 children to be approved for or to continue to receive CCAP benefits that would otherwise be denied/terminated. The estimate of additional CCAP cases allowed due to the removal of the child support stipulation is based on cases denied/terminated as result of failure to comply with child support stipulation over 12 months as of April 2026.

As adopted in the November 2025 Caseload Estimating Conference (CEC), the annual cost per child enrolled in CCAP is \$10,900. Applying this cost to the projected increase of children enrolled in CCAP results in a \$1,896,600 increase.

OMB assumes growth for FY 2028 utilizing a CPI of 2.3% as adopted in the November Consensus Economic Forecast. Using the 2.3% inflator, the FY 2028 estimate is \$1,940,222.

Additionally, there would be one-time system updates to the RI Bridges system to update eligibility parameters of CCAP as a result of this bill. The cost is estimated to be \$207,000 and is based on contracted hourly rate and estimated number of system hours to make such updates to the system. System costs are typically financed 50 percent federal funds from CCDF and 50 percent general revenue, and this fiscal note assumes this level of match for RI Bridges upgrades in FY 2027. However, as mentioned in the source of funds section, discretionary grant and associated carryforward amounts are being depleted and it is possible that such system costs may need to be fully supported with general revenue.



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Comments on Sources of Funds:

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) has traditionally been financed with federal funding through both the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) discretionary funds and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. These block grants currently operate at full annual budget capacity to cover existing caseloads, due in part to the extension of the child care for child care workers pilot initiative, increases in income eligibility thresholds, adjustments to CCAP rates, and expanded cash assistance under TANF. While unspent fund balances from previous years remain available to support projected costs associated with this bill, it is important to note that these reserves are being gradually depleted. As such, ongoing expenses may require complete reliance on general revenue sources. Accordingly, this fiscal note outlines two potential funding scenarios in the "Summary of Fiscal Impact": (1) continued availability of federal balance forwards, and (2) full financing through general revenue.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2026: No fiscal impact reported due to timing.

FY 2027:

Scenario 1: Availability of federal balance forwards

General Revenue: \$103,500

Federal Funds: \$2,000,100

Scenario 2: Full financing through general revenue

General Revenue: \$2,103,600

FY 2028:

Scenario 1: Availability of federal balance forwards

General Revenue: \$0

Federal Funds: \$1,940,222

Scenario 2: Full financing through general revenue

General Revenue: \$1,940,222

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