University of Colorado Student Union

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A Bill

Bill History

In March of 2000, the 52nd session passed a bill (52LCB#34) pertaining to the UCSU Child Care Scholarship, which is administered by the CU Financial Aid Office. The manner in which the scholarship was to be administered places a burden on the Financial Aid Office in terms of both time and expenses and staff management. They have requested that we allow them to award the money directly to the student as part of their financial aid package rather than reimburse individual day care centers some of which are unsupportive of student parents' needs. We would like to strike the words "to pay for licensed child care" as this restriction makes it difficult to find day care services for infants and very young children since day care centers very often do not accept children under a certain age and are not open during evening hours. This would allow the student to pay an individual to baby-sit in those circumstances.

Bill Summary

Bill 55LCB#06 will change the manner in which Financial Aid administers the student fee day care scholarship making it a more efficient operation for them. It will also allow the recipient more freedom of choice in day care providers.

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union that:

Section I: This bill will allow the CU Financial Aid Office to administer the funds for the Child Care Scholarship as part of the student's award package, and

Section II: Allows the recipient to pay either an individual or childcare center of their choice for services.

Section III: This bill becomes effective upon passage.