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Present law (R.S. 17:407.30) provides that the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund must be administered by BESE and the monies awarded annually to local entities approved by the board for the purpose of funding projects that will expand the number of early childhood care and education quality slots for families eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program under certain conditions.

Present law provides that each local entity must establish eligibility criteria for the early childhood care and education quality slots financed by local funds that serve as the match for the award and, at a minimum, only children whose family income makes them economically disadvantaged as defined by the board will be eligible for the slots.

Present law (R.S. 17:407.51) provides that the Advisory Council must provide input and guidance to the board and the department on matters pertaining to the development and implementation of rules, regulations, bulletins, policies, or standards related to all early care and education programs, including the Child Care Assistance Program.

Proposed law retains all present law and clarifies that "board" means the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Effective on August 1, 2026.

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