

1 **Modifications to Local Board Child Care Match During COVID**
2 **Discussion Paper**
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5 **Background**

6 Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) are required to certify local match in order for
7 Texas to draw down its full allotment of child care matching funds. In Board Contract Year
8 2020 (BCY20), Boards are required to certify \$41,353,024 in local match, which will draw down
9 \$82,706,048 in federal child care matching funds. Those federal funds were initially estimated
10 to support approximately 15,300 average kids per day.
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12 **Issue**

13 Boards derive much of their local match from Independent School Districts and Community
14 Colleges. Several Boards reported that due to the COVID pandemic, many schools closed, and
15 no longer are providing services that may be certified towards the Board's child care match
16 requirements.
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18 Staff surveyed all Boards to ascertain the amount of the local match that they would not be able
19 to certify in BCY20. At this time, four Boards indicate that they are unable to certify a total of
20 \$891,710. In order to address the child care match challenges that some Boards are facing due to
21 COVID, TWC may wish to consider reducing these Board's local match target in Board Contract
22 Year 2021, while also allowing Boards to access the same amount of federal child care funds.
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24 Four more Boards are unsure if they will be able to meet their BCY20 match target. Therefore,
25 additional recommendations may be forthcoming.
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27 **Decision Point**
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29 Staff seeks the Commission's direction on:

- 30 • Reducing the Board match target in total by \$891,710 as follows, and as reflected on
31 Attachment 1:
 - 32 ○ Panhandle reduction of \$23,268
 - 33 ○ North Central reduction of \$381,982
 - 34 ○ Dallas reduction of \$385,261
 - 35 ○ Texoma reduction of \$101,199