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## **Born Bill to Increase Investment in Child Care Signed into Law**

**Madison-** Today, Governor Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 924 (AB 924) into law. AB 924 increases the state's investment in the Wisconsin Shares program, assisting the child care industry and Wisconsin families across the state. Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam), author of the proposal, released the following statement:

"Investing in high quality child care is essential to the development of our children," said Born. "Research shows that children who receive high quality child care are more prepared when they enter school with better math, language, and social skills. This additional investment is critical to ensure quality child care is available to families across the state."

AB 924 increases state spending on child care subsidies in the Wisconsin Shares program by five percent annually. The additional investment will align the Wisconsin Shares program rates more with market rates for child care. Additionally, the bill boosts the Youngstar bonus for four and five star providers with the goal of encouraging providers to invest in their centers in order to obtain a higher rating.

"Often times, access to high quality child care is a determining factor for many families on whether or not they seek employment," said Born. "This investment is a continuation of our commitment to solving workforce problems that many businesses across our state are facing."

Joining Representative Born at today's bill signing was Renae Henning, Director of Community Care Preschool and Child Care in Beaver Dam. Renae played an important role in the legislative process, including testifying before the Joint Committee on Finance on the bill.

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