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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3446

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3446 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by adding
5 Sections 9.1d, 9.1e, and 9.1f as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/9.1d new)

7 Sec. 9.1d. Public list of qualified courses.

8 (a) No later than July 1, 2026, the Department of Early
9 Childhood shall publish and regularly update, at least once
10 per year, a comprehensive list of college courses that qualify
11 toward the attainment of the required qualifications for an
12 early childhood teacher or director on its website.

13 (b) The Department of Early Childhood may, at its
14 discretion, contract with a third party organization that is a
15 recognized industry expert in early childhood development and
16 child care employee credentialing to perform the duties

1 required by this Section.

2 (c) The Department of Early Childhood may adopt rules to
3 implement this Section.

4 (225 ILCS 10/9.1e new)

5 Sec. 9.1e. Public list of qualified courses; qualification
6 and appeals process.

7 (a) In consultation with the Illinois Community College
8 Board, the Board of Higher Education, the Department of
9 Children and Family Services, the Illinois Network of Child
10 Care Resource and Referral Agencies, and the Early Childhood
11 Access Consortium for Equity, the Department of Early
12 Childhood shall, no later than June 30, 2026, create a process
13 to verify courses that qualify toward the attainment of the
14 required qualifications for an early childhood teacher and
15 director as required pursuant to 89 Ill. Adm. Code 407.130 and
16 407.140.

17 (b) As part of the development of the process established
18 under this Section, the Department of Early Childhood shall
19 seek input and feedback from established child care provider
20 advocacy organizations, Early Childhood Access Consortium for
21 Equity member institutions, early child care and education
22 advocates, early childhood program students, and other
23 stakeholders.

24 (c) The process established under this Section shall
25 include the following elements, which also shall be posted on

1 the Department of Early Childhood's website:

2 (1) criteria for the inclusion of college courses
3 offered by State-based and out-of-state institutions on
4 the course list;

5 (2) criteria for the removal of courses from the
6 course list;

7 (3) a requirement that the removal of a course from
8 the course list shall not negatively impact any early
9 childhood teacher or director or early childhood teacher
10 or director applicant who has taken or is currently
11 enrolled in the course;

12 (4) a notification plan for (i) the distribution of
13 the course list and (ii) any updates to all licensed child
14 care centers in this State;

15 (5) an appeals process for courses deemed ineligible
16 for the attainment of the required qualifications for an
17 early childhood teacher or director;

18 (6) a process for establishing eligibility
19 requirements for college courses not on the course list;
20 and

21 (7) an appeals process for courses deemed ineligible
22 by a neutral third party that is a recognized industry
23 expert in early childhood development and child care
24 employee credentialing.

25 (d) The Department of Early Childhood may, at its
26 discretion, contract with a third party organization that is a

1 recognized industry expert in the area of early childhood
2 development and child care employee credentialing to perform
3 the duties required by this Section.

4 (e) The Department of Early Childhood may adopt rules to
5 implement this Section.

6 (225 ILCS 10/9.1f new)

7 Sec. 9.1f. Public list of qualified courses; training for
8 licensing representatives.

9 (a) Licensing representatives must be trained on the use
10 of the course list established under Section 9.1e, the
11 prohibitions for the course list, and the appeals process
12 under Section 9.1e.

13 (b) The Department of Early Childhood may, at its
14 discretion, contract with a third party organization that is a
15 recognized industry expert in the area of early childhood
16 development and child care employee credentialing to perform
17 the duties required by this Section.

18 (c) The Department of Early Childhood may adopt rules to
19 implement this Section."