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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) As used in this Section, "institution of higher
9 education" means any publicly or privately operated
10 university, college, or community college in this State that
11 offers degrees or certificates in early childhood or related
12 coursework or similar degrees or certificates beyond the
13 secondary school level. "Institution of higher education"
14 includes a public, private, non-profit, or for-profit
15 university, college, or community college authorized by the
16 Board of Higher Education or the Community College Board to

1 offer degrees or certificates in early childhood or related
2 coursework or similar degrees or certificates beyond the
3 secondary school level online, via correspondence, or
4 physically in this State to an individual in this State.

5 (b) No later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Early
6 Childhood, in collaboration with the Community College Board,
7 the Board of Higher Education, and the Department of Children
8 and Family Services, shall publish on its website and
9 regularly update, at least once per year, a comprehensive list
10 of college early childhood courses that qualify toward the
11 attainment of the required qualifications under 89 Ill. Adm.
12 Code 407.130 and 407.140 for early childhood teachers and
13 directors.

14 (c) To help the Department of Early Childhood determine
15 whether an institution of higher education's early childhood
16 college courses meet the requirements of 89 Ill. Adm. Code
17 407.130 and 407.140, each institution of higher education
18 shall submit, in the form and manner prescribed by the
19 Department of Early Childhood, information about the courses.

20 (d) The Department of Early Childhood may adopt rules to
21 implement this Section.

22 (225 ILCS 10/9.1e new)

23 Sec. 9.1e. Public list of qualified courses; qualification
24 and impartial oversight review process.

25 (a) As used in this Section, "institution" has the meaning

1 given to that term in Section 9.1d.

2 (b) No later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Early
3 Childhood, in consultation with stakeholders, including, but
4 not limited to, the Illinois Community College Board, the
5 Board of Higher Education, and, until January 1, 2027, the
6 Department of Children and Family Services, shall create a
7 process to verify early childhood courses that qualify toward
8 the attainment of the required qualifications under 89 Ill.
9 Adm. Code 407.130 and 407.140 for early childhood teachers and
10 directors.

11 (c) As part of the development of the process established
12 under this Section, the Department of Early Childhood shall
13 seek input and feedback from established child care providers,
14 Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity member
15 institutions, early child care and education advocates, early
16 childhood program students, and other stakeholders.

17 (d) The process established under this Section shall
18 include the following elements, which also shall be posted on
19 the Department of Early Childhood's website:

20 (1) criteria for the inclusion of college courses
21 offered by State-based and out-of-state institutions on
22 the course list;

23 (2) criteria for the removal of courses from the
24 course list;

25 (3) a requirement that the removal of a course from
26 the course list shall not negatively impact any early

1 childhood teacher or director or early childhood teacher
2 or director applicant who has taken or is currently
3 enrolled in the course;

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

7 (5) an impartial oversight review process for courses
8 deemed ineligible for the attainment of the required
9 qualifications for an early childhood teacher or director;
10 and

11 (6) a process for establishing eligibility
12 requirements for college courses not on the course list.

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

15 (225 ILCS 10/9.1f new)

16 Sec. 9.1f. Public list of qualified courses; training for
17 applicable State staff.

18 (a) Applicable State staff must be trained on the use of
19 the course list established under Section 9.1e, the
20 prohibitions for the course list, and the impartial oversight
21 review process under Section 9.1e.

22 (b) The Department of Early Childhood may adopt rules to
23 implement this Section."