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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Providers of private day care homes offer an
3 invaluable service to parents who need to find daily care for
4 their children and seek to do so in a small and affordable
5 setting; and

6 WHEREAS, Licensure and regulations can be a burden on
7 small day care providers who make a sincere effort to meet the
8 requirements while running a viable business; and

9 WHEREAS, Parents often struggle to afford child care
10 across the nation, and Illinois ranks as one of the most
11 expensive states for child care per the Economic Policy
12 Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the General Assembly to find
14 ways to lower the cost of child care in this State to ensure
15 that parents have access to affordable child care; and

16 WHEREAS, Illinois and other states across the country have
17 been plagued by an insurance liability crisis causing many
18 child care providers to shut their doors; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois cannot afford to lose more child care
20 providers due to overly burdensome regulations; and

1 WHEREAS, The responsibility for the licensure of day care
2 homes in the State of Illinois is in the process of moving from
3 the purview of the Illinois Department of Children and Family
4 Services to the newly created Illinois Department of Early
5 Childhood; and

6 WHEREAS, The licensure and regulation of day cares remains
7 an important responsibility of this State to protect the
8 well-being of our children; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we urge the Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) to
12 study ways to reduce licensure and regulation burdens on day
13 care homes in Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the IDEC to specifically study:

15 (1) Ways to combine the multiple required trainings
16 and certifications, such as fire safety, radon, and lead
17 testing and absorbing the permit requirement as part of
18 the license, into a single training or certification that
19 can be conducted by a properly trained IDEC employee in
20 fewer visits rather than by employees of outside agencies
21 and businesses; and

22 (2) How to ensure that the detailed requirements on

1 nutrition, activities, and toys are not used to penalize
2 or deny license renewals based on technical violations
3 when the day care provider is in substantial and good
4 faith compliance with the requirements; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge the IDEC to issue a report with
6 their findings on these items to the General Assembly by
7 December 31, 2027; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Illinois Department of Early Childhood.