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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Unlike families with standard work schedules,  
3 those with nonstandard schedules often need care for their  
4 children outside of the hours when licensed child care  
5 programs typically operate; in addition, nonstandard work  
6 schedules may conflict with valuable aspects of family life,  
7 such as dining together, doing homework, reading, and  
8 completing bedtime routines; and

9           WHEREAS, In Illinois, there are child care centers and  
10 child care homes licensed and regulated by the Department of  
11 Children and Family Services (DCFS) as well as Family, Friend,  
12 and Neighbor home providers (FFN) that are license-exempt, but  
13 limited to care for three children; and

14           WHEREAS, In Illinois, we utilize the Child Care Assistance  
15 Program (CCAP) at the Illinois Department of Human Services  
16 (IDHS) to assist parents with low incomes in paying for child  
17 care while they work or while they are in school or training;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Illinois has a vested interest in ensuring that  
20 our working parents, regardless of income status, can provide  
21 their children with appropriate child care when they are at  
22 work; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Early  
3 Learning Council, in consultation with the Governor's Office  
4 of Early Childhood Development and the Department of Human  
5 Services Child Care Advisory Council, shall convene an  
6 advisory committee comprised of the members, selected by the  
7 Governor, currently serving on these councils that shall be  
8 charged with the task of producing recommendations on off-hour  
9 child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to better  
10 accommodate the needs of children when care is needed during  
11 non-standard hours; in addition to the goals stated above, the  
12 committee shall consider at a minimum:

13           (1) Creating working definitions for nonstandard work  
14 schedule and off-hour child care;

15           (2) Determining the availability of and need for  
16 off-hour child care in Illinois, with a particular focus  
17 on care available to infants and toddlers;

18           (3) Evaluating the different placement types of child  
19 care with the intent to ensure that children are being  
20 best cared for in the least restrictive manner and that  
21 the parents are not being unduly burdened with accessing  
22 this child care during non-traditional child care hours,  
23 with attention paid to availability for children with  
24 disabilities, English learners, and other relevant  
25 priority populations;

1           (4) Evaluating the demand for off-hour child care and  
2           evaluating the current CCAP enrolled families to determine  
3           their work schedules and child care timing needs; and

4           (5) Making recommendations on:

5                 (a) Better alignment of child care assistance  
6                 policies with the work schedules and employment  
7                 circumstances of families;

8                 (b) Encouraging expanded hours and variable  
9                 scheduling options in all types of care;

10                (c) Enhancing child care quality for children  
11                whose parents work nonstandard and unstable schedules;  
12                and

13                (d) How to reduce the need for off-hour care; and  
14                be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the Committee shall convene within 60 days  
16           of the adoption of this resolution and shall select a  
17           chairperson at its first meeting; the Committee shall  
18           thereafter meet on a regular schedule and no fewer than three  
19           times before submitting its recommendations; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the Governor's Office of Early Childhood  
21           Development shall provide administrative support for the  
22           Committee; and be it further

23           RESOLVED, That the Committee shall submit its final report

1 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2022 and,  
2 upon the filing of the report, is dissolved; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That if the Committee is unable to conclude  
4 their work within the 102nd General Assembly, notice shall be  
5 provided to the General Assembly before any special sessions  
6 or veto session after the regular spring session that an  
7 extension is needed to ensure that all the necessary research  
8 and evaluation has been completed satisfactorily; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the Department of Children and Family Services,  
12 the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, the  
13 Illinois State Board of Education, and the Department of Human  
14 Services.