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AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 862

AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend Senate Resolution 862 by deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with the following:

5 "WHEREAS, Unlike families with standard work schedules, 6 those with nonstandard schedules often need care for their 7 children outside of the hours when licensed child care 8 programs typically operate; in addition, nonstandard work 9 schedules may conflict with valuable aspects of family life, 10 such as dining together, doing homework, reading, and 11 completing bedtime routines; and

12 WHEREAS, In Illinois, there are child care centers and 13 child care homes licensed and regulated by the Department of 14 Children and Family Services (DCFS) as well as Family, Friend, 15 and Neighbor home providers (FFN) that are license-exempt, but 16 limited to care for three children; and SR0862SAM001

1 WHEREAS, In Illinois, we utilize the Child Care Assistance 2 Program (CCAP) at the Illinois Department of Human Services 3 (IDHS) to assist parents with low incomes in paying for child 4 care while they work or while they are in school or training; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois has a vested interest in ensuring that 7 our working parents, regardless of income status, can provide 8 their children with appropriate child care when they are at 9 work; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL 11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Early 12 Learning Council's Community Equity and Access Committee shall 13 be charged with the task of producing recommendations on off-hour child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to 14 better accommodate the needs of children when care is needed 15 during non-standard hours; in addition to the goals stated 16 17 above, the committee shall consider at a minimum:

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

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

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(3) Evaluating the different placement types of child

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care with the intent to ensure that children are being best cared for in the least restrictive manner and that the parents are not being unduly burdened with accessing this child care during non-traditional child care hours, with attention paid to availability for children with disabilities, English learners, and other relevant priority populations;

8 (4) Evaluating the demand for off-hour child care and 9 evaluating the current CCAP enrolled families to determine 10 their work schedules and child care timing needs; and

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(5) Making recommendations on:

12 (a) Better alignment of child care assistance
13 policies with the work schedules and employment
14 circumstances of families;

(b) Encouraging expanded hours and variablescheduling options in all types of care;

17 (c) Enhancing child care quality for children
18 whose parents work nonstandard and unstable schedules;
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20 (d) How to reduce the need for off-hour care; and21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Early Learning Council shall provide 23 administrative support for the Committee; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Committee shall submit its final report

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 11 delivered to the Early Learning Council."