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AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 862

AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend Senate Resolution 862, AS AMENDED, 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 as well as Family, Friend, and 15 Neighbor home providers that are license-exempt, but limited 16 to care for three children; and

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

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

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL 9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Child Care 10 11 Advisory Council shall be charged with the task of producing 12 recommendations on off-hour child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to better accommodate the needs of children 13 14 when care is needed during nonstandard hours; in addition to the goals stated above, the Council shall consider at a 15 16 minimum:

17 (1) Creating working definitions for nonstandard work schedule and off-hour child care; 18

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

22 (3) Evaluating the different placement types of child 23 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 nontraditional child care hours, with attention paid to availability for children with disabilities, English learners, and other relevant priority populations;

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

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(5) Making recommendations on:

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

14 (b) Encouraging expanded hours and variable15 scheduling options in all types of care;

16 (c) Enhancing child care quality for children 17 whose parents work nonstandard and unstable schedules; 18 and

19 (d) How to reduce the need for off-hour care; and20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services' Division 22 of Early Childhood shall provide administrative support for 23 the Council; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Council shall submit its final report

1 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2022; and be 2 it further

RESOLVED, That if the Council is unable to conclude its 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 Child Care Advisory Council.".