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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 814

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 814 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by changing Section 5.15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.15)

7 Sec. 5.15. Daycare; Department of Human Services.

8 (a) For the purpose of ensuring effective statewide
9 planning, development, and utilization of resources for the
10 day care of children, operated under various auspices, the
11 Department of Human Services, or any other State agency that
12 assumes these responsibilities, is designated to coordinate
13 all day care activities for children of the State and shall
14 develop or continue, and shall update every year, a State
15 comprehensive day-care plan for submission to the Governor
16 that identifies high-priority areas and groups, relating them

1 to available resources and identifying the most effective
2 approaches to the use of existing day care services. The State
3 comprehensive day-care plan shall be made available to the
4 General Assembly following the Governor's approval of the
5 plan.

6 The plan shall include methods and procedures for the
7 development of additional day care resources for children to
8 meet the goal of reducing short-run and long-run dependency
9 and to provide necessary enrichment and stimulation to the
10 education of young children. Recommendations shall be made for
11 State policy on optimum use of private and public, local,
12 State and federal resources, including an estimate of the
13 resources needed for the licensing and regulation of day care
14 facilities.

15 A written report shall be submitted to the Governor and
16 the General Assembly annually on April 15. The report shall
17 include an evaluation of developments over the preceding
18 fiscal year, including cost-benefit analyses of various
19 arrangements. Beginning with the report in 1990 submitted by
20 the Department's predecessor agency and every 2 years
21 thereafter, the report shall also include the following:

22 (1) An assessment of the child care services, needs
23 and available resources throughout the State and an
24 assessment of the adequacy of existing child care
25 services, including, but not limited to, services assisted
26 under this Act and under any other program administered by

1 other State agencies.

2 (2) A survey of day care facilities to determine the
3 number of qualified caregivers, as defined by rule,
4 attracted to vacant positions, or retained at the current
5 position, and any problems encountered by facilities in
6 attracting and retaining capable caregivers. The report
7 shall include an assessment, based on the survey, of
8 improvements in employee benefits that may attract capable
9 caregivers. The survey must include a list of specific
10 benefits, including, but not limited to, health care,
11 retirement plans, and child care subsidies.

12 (3) The average wages and salaries and fringe benefit
13 packages paid to caregivers throughout the State, computed
14 on a regional basis, compared to similarly qualified
15 employees in other but related fields.

16 (4) The qualifications of new caregivers hired at
17 licensed day care facilities during the previous 2-year
18 period.

19 (5) Recommendations for increasing caregiver wages and
20 salaries to ensure quality care for children.

21 (6) Evaluation of the fee structure and income
22 eligibility for child care subsidized by the State.

23 (7) A survey of early childhood staff who leave the
24 workforce to determine strategies for the Child Care
25 Development Fund and General Revenue funds that can be
26 used to promote workforce retention, such as extending

1 child care assistance to the entire workforce regardless
2 of income eligibility. The survey shall also determine the
3 costs of utilizing such strategies with the best
4 verifiable data available. Initial findings from the
5 survey shall be available to the public by April 15, 2025
6 and updated annually thereafter using data from the
7 preceding fiscal year.

8 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly
9 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required
10 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and
11 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report
12 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required
13 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

14 (b) The Department of Human Services shall establish
15 policies and procedures for developing and implementing
16 interagency agreements with other agencies of the State
17 providing child care services or reimbursement for such
18 services. The plans shall be annually reviewed and modified
19 for the purpose of addressing issues of applicability and
20 service system barriers.

21 (c) In cooperation with other State agencies, the
22 Department of Human Services shall develop and implement, or
23 shall continue, a resource and referral system for the State
24 of Illinois either within the Department or by contract with
25 local or regional agencies. Funding for implementation of this
26 system may be provided through Department appropriations or

1 other inter-agency funding arrangements. The resource and
2 referral system shall provide at least the following services:

3 (1) Assembling and maintaining a data base on the
4 supply of child care services.

5 (2) Providing information and referrals for parents.

6 (3) Coordinating the development of new child care
7 resources.

8 (4) Providing technical assistance and training to
9 child care service providers.

10 (5) Recording and analyzing the demand for child care
11 services.

12 (d) The Department of Human Services shall conduct day
13 care planning activities with the following priorities:

14 (1) Development of voluntary day care resources
15 wherever possible, with the provision for grants-in-aid
16 only where demonstrated to be useful and necessary as
17 incentives or supports. By January 1, 2002, the Department
18 shall design a plan to create more child care slots as well
19 as goals and timetables to improve quality and
20 accessibility of child care.

21 (2) Emphasis on service to children of recipients of
22 public assistance when such service will allow training or
23 employment of the parent toward achieving the goal of
24 independence.

25 (3) (Blank).

26 (4) Care of children from families in stress and

1 crises whose members potentially may become, or are in
2 danger of becoming, non-productive and dependent.

3 (5) Expansion of family day care facilities wherever
4 possible.

5 (6) Location of centers in economically depressed
6 neighborhoods, preferably in multi-service centers with
7 cooperation of other agencies. The Department shall
8 coordinate the provision of grants, but only to the extent
9 funds are specifically appropriated for this purpose, to
10 encourage the creation and expansion of child care centers
11 in high need communities to be issued by the State,
12 business, and local governments.

13 (7) Use of existing facilities free of charge or for
14 reasonable rental whenever possible in lieu of
15 construction.

16 (8) Development of strategies for assuring a more
17 complete range of day care options, including provision of
18 day care services in homes, in schools, or in centers,
19 which will enable a parent or parents to complete a course
20 of education or obtain or maintain employment and the
21 creation of more child care options for swing shift,
22 evening, and weekend workers and for working women with
23 sick children. The Department shall encourage companies to
24 provide child care in their own offices or in the building
25 in which the corporation is located so that employees of
26 all the building's tenants can benefit from the facility.

1 (9) Development of strategies for subsidizing students
2 pursuing degrees in the child care field.

3 (10) Continuation and expansion of service programs
4 that assist teen parents to continue and complete their
5 education.

6 Emphasis shall be given to support services that will help
7 to ensure such parents' graduation from high school and to
8 services for participants in any programs of job training
9 conducted by the Department.

10 (e) The Department of Human Services shall actively
11 stimulate the development of public and private resources at
12 the local level. It shall also seek the fullest utilization of
13 federal funds directly or indirectly available to the
14 Department.

15 Where appropriate, existing non-governmental agencies or
16 associations shall be involved in planning by the Department.

17 (f) To better accommodate the child care needs of low
18 income working families, especially those who receive
19 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or who are
20 transitioning from TANF to work, or who are at risk of
21 depending on TANF in the absence of child care, the Department
22 shall complete a study using outcome-based assessment
23 measurements to analyze the various types of child care needs,
24 including but not limited to: child care homes; child care
25 facilities; before and after school care; and evening and
26 weekend care. Based upon the findings of the study, the

1 Department shall develop a plan by April 15, 1998, that
2 identifies the various types of child care needs within
3 various geographic locations. The plan shall include, but not
4 be limited to, the special needs of parents and guardians in
5 need of non-traditional child care services such as early
6 mornings, evenings, and weekends; the needs of very low income
7 families and children and how they might be better served; and
8 strategies to assist child care providers to meet the needs
9 and schedules of low income families.

10 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)".