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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 196

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 196 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Universal Child Care Demonstration Program Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose and findings. The General Assembly
7 declares that it is the policy of this State to provide all
8 children from birth to 6 years of age with access to
9 high-quality child care services through a State commitment to
10 sufficient and sustainable funding for safe and affordable
11 child care services and programs. The need for this policy is
12 based on studies which suggest that affordable child care
13 increases maternal employment and that high-quality child care
14 can increase children's educational attainment, labor force
15 participation, and earnings as adults.

16 The policy established by this Act will be developed

1 through a child care demonstration program the results of which
2 will be used to establish standards and policies to design and
3 fund a statewide system of high-quality child care services and
4 programs accessible to all children from birth to 6 years of
5 age regardless of family income.

6 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Child care services" means day care home or center
8 services as defined by the Child Care Act of 1969 provided to
9 children from birth to 6 years of age and includes
10 non-traditional child care services such as early mornings,
11 evenings, and weekends.

12 "Demonstration" or "Demonstration Program" means the
13 Universal Child Care Demonstration Program as established
14 under this Act.

15 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

16 Section 15. Universal Child Care Demonstration Program.
17 The Department shall establish and administer a 5-year
18 statewide Universal Child Care Demonstration Program to
19 provide grants to eligible entities to develop, expand, and
20 provide high-quality and affordable child care services for
21 children age 0 to 6 years old regardless of family income.
22 Grants awarded under the Demonstration Program may be used to
23 renovate or convert existing child care facilities to meet the
24 goals of the Demonstration Program; to construct and maintain

1 child care facilities in geographical areas with a demonstrated
2 need for safe, affordable, and high-quality child care
3 services; to train and pay child care providers, teachers, and
4 staff; and to provide meal services to children receiving child
5 care services. Eligible child care centers that provide meal
6 services to children in their care shall participate in the
7 federally funded Child and Adult Care Food Program administered
8 by the Illinois State Board of Education. The ultimate goal of
9 the Demonstration Program shall be to develop and evaluate the
10 costs, impact, and quality outcomes of child care services and
11 programs in order to establish an effective expansion toward
12 universal child care services for children from birth to 6
13 years of age.

14 Section 20. Eligible entities. Currently funded or new
15 entities, including but not limited to the following, shall be
16 eligible to apply for grants awarded under the Demonstration
17 Program:

18 (1) Day care centers, day care homes, group day care
19 homes, and part day child care facilities licensed by the
20 Department of Children and Family Services under the Child
21 Care Act of 1969.

22 (2) Community-based organizations.

23 (3) Faith-based organizations.

24 Priority for participation in the Demonstration Program
25 shall be given to entities with experience in providing child

1 care services and programs in Illinois.

2 The Department shall establish, by rule, application
3 requirements and additional eligibility criteria for grant
4 applicants; costs, impact, and outcome goals for the
5 Demonstration Program; and eligibility criteria for families
6 seeking child care services under the Demonstration Program
7 including parent cost sharing and employment or school
8 requirements.

9 Section 25. Funding. The Universal Child Care
10 Demonstration Program shall be subject to appropriations,
11 however the Department shall be permitted to accept private
12 funding or private resources at any time to implement this Act.

13 Section 30. Reports. The Department shall annually report
14 to the Governor and the General Assembly on the progress of the
15 Demonstration no later than March 31st of each year of the
16 Demonstration Program. No later than 6 months after the
17 Demonstration period ends, the Department shall submit a final
18 report on its findings, including how well the Demonstration
19 Program met the costs, impact, and outcome goals established by
20 the Department.

21 Section 35. Rules. The Department shall adopt any rules
22 necessary to implement the provisions of this Act."