



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB0212

by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Universal Child Care Demonstration Program Act. Requires the Department of Human Services to establish and administer a 5-year statewide Universal Child Care Demonstration Program to provide grants to eligible entities to develop, expand, and provide high-quality and affordable child care services for children age 0 to 6 years old regardless of family income. Provides that grants awarded under the Demonstration Program may be used to renovate or convert existing child care facilities to meet the goals of the Demonstration Program; to construct and maintain child care facilities in geographical areas with a demonstrated need for safe, affordable, and high-quality child care services; to train and pay child care providers, teachers, and staff; and to provide meal services to children receiving child care services. Provides that the ultimate goal of the Demonstration Program shall be to develop and evaluate the costs, impact, and quality outcomes of child care services and programs in order to establish an effective expansion toward universal child care services for children from birth to 6 years of age. Contains provisions concerning eligible entities, funding, reporting requirements, defined terms, and Department rules.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning children.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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  
17 through a child care demonstration program the results of which  
18 will be used to establish standards and policies to design and  
19 fund a statewide system of high-quality child care services and  
20 programs accessible to all children from birth to 6 years of  
21 age regardless of family income.

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

1 "Child care services" means day care home or center  
2 services as defined by the Child Care Act of 1969 provided to  
3 children from birth to 6 years of age and includes  
4 non-traditional child care services such as early mornings,  
5 evenings, and weekends.

6 "Demonstration" or "Demonstration Program" means the  
7 Universal Child Care Demonstration Program as established  
8 under this Act.

9 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

10 Section 15. Universal Child Care Demonstration Program.  
11 The Department shall establish and administer a 5-year  
12 statewide Universal Child Care Demonstration Program to  
13 provide grants to eligible entities to develop, expand, and  
14 provide high-quality and affordable child care services for  
15 children age 0 to 6 years old regardless of family income.  
16 Grants awarded under the Demonstration Program may be used to  
17 renovate or convert existing child care facilities to meet the  
18 goals of the Demonstration Program; to construct and maintain  
19 child care facilities in geographical areas with a demonstrated  
20 need for safe, affordable, and high-quality child care  
21 services; to train and pay child care providers, teachers, and  
22 staff; and to provide meal services to children receiving child  
23 care services. The ultimate goal of the Demonstration Program  
24 shall be to develop and evaluate the costs, impact, and quality  
25 outcomes of child care services and programs in order to

1 establish an effective expansion toward universal child care  
2 services for children from birth to 6 years of age.

3 Section 20. Eligible entities. Currently funded or new  
4 entities, including but not limited to the following, shall be  
5 eligible to apply for grants awarded under the Demonstration  
6 Program:

7 (1) Day care centers, day care homes, group day care  
8 homes, and part day child care facilities licensed by the  
9 Department of Children and Family Services under the Child  
10 Care Act of 1969.

11 (2) Community-based organizations.

12 (3) Faith-based organizations.

13 Priority for participation in the Demonstration Program  
14 shall be given to entities with experience in providing child  
15 care services and programs in Illinois.

16 The Department shall establish, by rule, application  
17 requirements and additional eligibility criteria for grant  
18 applicants; costs, impact, and outcome goals for the  
19 Demonstration Program; and eligibility criteria for families  
20 seeking child care services under the Demonstration Program  
21 including parent cost sharing and employment or school  
22 requirements.

23 Section 25. Funding. The Universal Child Care  
24 Demonstration Program shall be subject to appropriations,

1       however the Department shall be permitted to accept private  
2       funding or private resources at any time to implement this Act.

3               Section 30. Reports. The Department shall annually report  
4       to the Governor and the General Assembly on the progress of the  
5       Demonstration no later than March 31st of each year of the  
6       Demonstration Program. No later than 6 months after the  
7       Demonstration period ends, the Department shall submit a final  
8       report on its findings, including how well the Demonstration  
9       Program met the costs, impact, and outcome goals established by  
10      the Department.

11              Section 35. Rules. The Department shall adopt any rules  
12      necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.