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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5001

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5001 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the First
5 Responders Child Care Act.

6 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
7 by adding Section 1-75 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 1305/1-75 new)

9 Sec. 1-75. Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program.

10 (a) Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Finding child care is a challenge for
12 firefighters, paramedics, police officers, nurses, and
13 other third shift workers across the State who often work
14 non-typical work hours. This affects home life, school,
15 bedtime routines, job safety, and the mental health of

1 some of our most critical front line workers.

2 (2) There is a need for increased options for
3 off-hours child care in the State. A majority of the
4 State's child care facilities do not provide care outside
5 of normal work hours, with just 3,251 day care homes and
6 435 group home care programs that provide night care.

7 (3) Illinois has a vested interest in ensuring that
8 our first responders and working families can provide
9 their children with appropriate care during off hours to
10 improve the morale of existing first responders and to
11 improve recruitment into the future.

12 (b) As used in this Section, "first responders" means
13 emergency medical services personnel as defined in the
14 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, firefighters,
15 law enforcement officers, and, as determined by the
16 Department, any other workers who, on account of their work
17 schedule, need child care outside of the hours when licensed
18 child care facilities typically operate.

19 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
20 Services shall establish and administer an Off-Hours Child
21 Care Grant Program to provide grants to licensed child care
22 facilities to expand their program of services to include
23 off-hours, night, or sleep time child care for first
24 responders and third shift workers who, on account of their
25 work schedule, need child care outside of the hours when
26 licensed child care facilities typically operate. Services

1 funded under the grant program must address the child care
2 needs of first responders. Grants provided under the program
3 may also be used to cover any capital and operating expenses
4 related to the provision of off-hours, night, or sleep time
5 child care for first responders. Child care facilities seeking
6 funding under the grant program must apply to the Department
7 in a form and manner prescribed by the Department. Grants
8 awarded under this Section shall be funded through
9 appropriations from the Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program
10 Fund created under subsection (d). The Department shall
11 implement the program by the date the Child Care Advisory
12 Council submits its final report to the General Assembly as
13 provided under Senate Resolution 862 of the 102nd General
14 Assembly or by December 31, 2022, whichever is earlier. The
15 Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the
16 grant program.

17 (d) The Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program Fund is created
18 as a special fund in the State treasury. The Fund shall consist
19 of any moneys appropriated to the Department of Human Services
20 for the Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program. Moneys in the Fund
21 shall be expended for the Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program
22 and for no other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the
23 Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

24 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
25 Section 5.970 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

2 Sec. 5.970. The Off-Hours Child Care Grant Program Fund.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.".