



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB4188

Introduced 3/4/2022, by Sen. Sally J. Turner, Dan McConchie,  
Steve McClure and Win Stoller

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 10/7.11 new

Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall adopt and implement rules to adjust licensing requirements, including, but not limited to, worker qualifications for child care providers within child care deserts that reflect local labor market conditions in order to grant local child care providers enhanced hiring flexibility and expand child care into currently underserved areas. Defines "child care deserts" and "child care provider". Provides that the Department shall submit proposed rules to implement the provisions concerning emergency licensing to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules no later than December 31, 2023. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by adding  
5 Section 7.11 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/7.11 new)

7 Sec. 7.11. Emergency licensing.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds the following:

9 (1) Early childhood education and care programs  
10 provide child care, so parents can maintain stable  
11 employment, provide for themselves and their families, and  
12 advance their career or educational goals.

13 (2) Countless children and families have benefited  
14 from child care services and have had the opportunity to  
15 enter school ready to learn and succeed.

16 (3) Child care providers across the State are  
17 struggling to find qualified child care workers, reducing  
18 the facilities' ability to offer quality child care  
19 services.

20 (4) Shortages of child care services are particularly  
21 acute in child care deserts.

22 (5) Child care deserts, as defined by the Center for  
23 American Progress, are census tracts with more than 50

1 children under the age of 5 that contain either no child  
2 care providers or so few options that there are more than 3  
3 times as many children as licensed care slots.

4 (6) Child care deserts exist throughout the State,  
5 particularly in rural communities, where working parents  
6 struggle to find fully-licensed child care facilities.

7 (7) Adopting more flexible licensing requirements,  
8 which put the health and well-being of children at the  
9 forefront, would assist working parents to find quality  
10 child care services for their families and address the  
11 ongoing child care shortages across the State.

12 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services shall  
13 adopt and implement rules to adjust licensing requirements,  
14 including, but not limited to, worker qualifications for child  
15 care providers within child care deserts that reflect local  
16 labor market conditions in order to grant local child care  
17 providers enhanced hiring flexibility and expand child care  
18 into currently underserved areas.

19 (c) As used in this Section:

20 "Child care deserts" means census tracts with more than 50  
21 children under the age of 5 that contain either no child care  
22 providers or so few options that there are more than 3 times as  
23 many children as licensed care slots.

24 "Child care provider" means "day care center" and "part  
25 day child care facility" as defined in Sections 2.09 and 2.10  
26 of this Act.

1       (d) The Department of Children and Family Services shall  
2       submit proposed rules to implement this Section to the Joint  
3       Committee on Administrative Rules no later than December 31,  
4       2023.

5       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6       becoming law.