



1           WHEREAS, In Illinois, we utilize the Child Care Assistance  
2 Program (CCAP) at the Illinois Department of Human Services  
3 (IDHS) to assist parents with low incomes in paying for child  
4 care while they work or while they are in school or training;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Illinois has a vested interest in ensuring that  
7 our working parents, regardless of income status, can provide  
8 their children with appropriate child care when they are at  
9 work; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Early  
12 Learning Council's Community Equity and Access Committee shall  
13 be charged with the task of producing recommendations on  
14 off-hour child care to build more capacity in Illinois and to  
15 better accommodate the needs of children when care is needed  
16 during non-standard hours; in addition to the goals stated  
17 above, the committee shall consider at a minimum:

18           (1) Creating working definitions for nonstandard work  
19 schedule and off-hour child care;

20           (2) Determining the availability of and need for  
21 off-hour child care in Illinois, with a particular focus  
22 on care available to infants and toddlers;

23           (3) Evaluating the different placement types of child

1 care with the intent to ensure that children are being  
2 best cared for in the least restrictive manner and that  
3 the parents are not being unduly burdened with accessing  
4 this child care during non-traditional child care hours,  
5 with attention paid to availability for children with  
6 disabilities, English learners, and other relevant  
7 priority populations;

8 (4) Evaluating the demand for off-hour child care and  
9 evaluating the current CCAP enrolled families to determine  
10 their work schedules and child care timing needs; and

11 (5) Making recommendations on:

12 (a) Better alignment of child care assistance  
13 policies with the work schedules and employment  
14 circumstances of families;

15 (b) Encouraging expanded hours and variable  
16 scheduling options in all types of care;

17 (c) Enhancing child care quality for children  
18 whose parents work nonstandard and unstable schedules;  
19 and

20 (d) How to reduce the need for off-hour care; and  
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Early Learning Council shall provide  
23 administrative support for the Committee; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall submit its final report

1 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2022 and,  
2 upon the filing of the report, is dissolved; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That if the Committee is unable to conclude  
4 their work within the 102nd General Assembly, notice shall be  
5 provided to the General Assembly before any special sessions  
6 or veto session after the regular spring session that an  
7 extension is needed to ensure that all the necessary research  
8 and evaluation has been completed satisfactorily; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the Early Learning Council."