

1 AN ACT in relation to child care.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 10-26 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-26 new)

7 Sec. 10-26. Child care capital investment program.

8 (a) The Department shall develop and implement a child  
9 care capital investment program. The purposes of the program  
10 are as follows:

11 (1) To assess the need for additional licensed  
12 child care providers in low-income communities.

13 (2) To provide planning and technical assistance to  
14 prepare child care providers for making capital  
15 investments.

16 (3) To provide grants as part of a financing  
17 package to build new child care capacity in high-need  
18 communities throughout the State.

19 (b) The Department's implementation of the program must  
20 include the following features:

21 (1) Completion of a demographics-based needs  
22 assessment of subsidized full-day, full-year child care  
23 in Illinois.

24 (2) Issuance of requests for proposals to child  
25 care providers who are seeking new facilities or seeking  
26 renovations to expand existing capacity. Proposals must  
27 be submitted in 2 parts:

28 (A) An initial indication of interest,  
29 including a project description, community benefits  
30 and cost estimates, and private funding sources.

31 (B) Submission of a full application for a

1 grant, including a project budget and timetable,  
2 after consideration of the needs assessment  
3 completed under paragraph (1) and, if appropriate,  
4 after the provision of technical assistance from the  
5 Department.

6 (3) Conduct of outreach and training for interested  
7 child care providers in Illinois on topics including, but  
8 not limited to: property ownership and management;  
9 fundraising; construction and development processes; and  
10 other pertinent technical assistance. The outreach and  
11 training may include the convening of a roundtable on  
12 child care facility design.

13 (4) Selection of projects, using the  
14 request-for-proposal process, to receive grants. In  
15 selecting projects for grants, the Department must  
16 consider at least the following:

17 (1) Whether a proposed project will address  
18 priorities identified in the needs assessment  
19 completed under paragraph (1).

20 (2) Whether a proposed project will feature  
21 coordinated project management that will maximize  
22 economies of scale and minimize costs.

23 (3) How favorably a proposed project's  
24 financing structure compares with a standard of 60%  
25 equity and 40% debt.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
27 becoming law.