

1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 565

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 565 as follows:

3    on page 1, line 9, by deleting "State"; and

4    on page 1, line 11, after the period, by inserting the  
5    following:

6    "The goal of the Council is to fulfill the vision of a  
7    statewide, high-quality, accessible, and comprehensive early  
8    learning system to benefit all young children whose parents  
9    choose it. The Council shall guide collaborative efforts to  
10   improve and expand upon existing early childhood programs and  
11   services. This work shall include making use of existing  
12   reports, research, and planning efforts."; and

13   on page 1, line 14, by replacing "with one member" with "and  
14   its membership shall reflect regional, racial, and cultural  
15   diversity to ensure representation of the needs of all  
16   Illinois children. One member shall be"; and

17   on page 1, line 19, after "Governor.", by inserting the  
18   following:

19   "The Governor's appointments shall include without limitation  
20   the following:

- 21            (1) A leader of stature from the Governor's office,  
22            to serve as co-chairperson of the Council.

1           (2) The chief administrators of the following State  
2 agencies: State Board of Education; Department of Human  
3 Services; Department of Children and Family Services;  
4 Department of Public Health; Department of Public Aid;  
5 Board of Higher Education; and Illinois Community College  
6 Board.

7           (3) Local government stakeholders and nongovernment  
8 stakeholders with an interest in early childhood care and  
9 education, including representation from the following  
10 private-sector fields and constituencies: early childhood  
11 education and development; child care; child advocacy;  
12 parenting support; local community collaborations among  
13 early care and education programs and services; maternal  
14 and child health; children with special needs; business;  
15 labor; and law enforcement. The Governor shall designate  
16 one of the members who is a nongovernment stakeholder to  
17 serve as co-chairperson.

18 In addition, the Governor shall request that the Region V  
19 office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'  
20 Administration for Children and Families appoint a member to  
21 the Council to represent federal children's programs and  
22 services.

23           Members appointed by General Assembly members and members  
24 appointed by the Governor who are local government or  
25 nongovernment stakeholders shall serve 3-year terms, except  
26 that of the initial appointments, half of these members, as  
27 determined by lot, shall be appointed to 2-year terms so that  
28 terms are staggered."; and

29 on page 1, immediately below line 20, by inserting the  
30 following:

31           "Section 15. Accountability. The Illinois Early Learning  
32 Council shall annually report to the Governor and General  
33 Assembly on the Council's progress towards its goals and

1 objectives.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

3 becoming law.".