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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1121

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1121 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 struggling to find qualified child care workers, reducing
2 the facilities' ability to offer quality child care
3 services.

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

6 (5) Child care deserts, as defined by the Center for
7 American Progress, are census tracts with more than 50
8 children under the age of 5 that contain either no child
9 care providers or so few options that there are more than 3
10 times as many children as licensed care slots.

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

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

19 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
20 adopt and implement rules to adjust licensing requirements,
21 including, but not limited to, worker qualifications for child
22 care providers within child care deserts that reflect local
23 labor market conditions in order to grant local child care
24 providers enhanced hiring flexibility and expand child care
25 into currently underserved areas.

26 (c) As used in this Section:

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

5 "Child care provider" means "day care center" and "part
6 day child care facility" as defined in Sections 2.09 and 2.10.

7 (d) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
8 submit proposed rules to implement this Section to the Joint
9 Committee on Administrative Rules no later than December 31,
10 2025.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.".