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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2446

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2446 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by  
5 changing Sections 4.1 and 7.10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/4.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 2214.1)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-594)

8 Sec. 4.1. Criminal background investigations. The  
9 Department shall require that each child care facility license  
10 applicant as part of the application process, and each  
11 employee and volunteer of a child care facility or  
12 non-licensed service provider, as a condition of employment,  
13 authorize an investigation to determine if such applicant,  
14 employee, or volunteer has ever been charged with a crime and  
15 if so, the disposition of those charges; this authorization  
16 shall indicate the scope of the inquiry and the agencies which

1 may be contacted. An employee or volunteer of a day care  
2 center, day care home, or group day care home shall authorize  
3 an investigation every 5 years, as required under the Child  
4 Care and Development Block Grant. Upon this authorization, the  
5 Director shall request and receive information and assistance  
6 from any federal, State or local governmental agency as part  
7 of the authorized investigation. Each applicant, employee, or  
8 volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service  
9 provider shall submit the applicant's, employee's, or  
10 volunteer's fingerprints to the Illinois State Police in the  
11 form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These  
12 fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records  
13 now and hereafter filed in the Illinois State Police and  
14 Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records  
15 databases. The Illinois State Police shall charge a fee for  
16 conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be  
17 deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not  
18 exceed the actual cost of the records check. The Illinois  
19 State Police shall provide information concerning any criminal  
20 charges, and their disposition, now or hereafter filed,  
21 against an applicant, employee, or volunteer of a child care  
22 facility or non-licensed service provider upon request of the  
23 Department of Children and Family Services when the request is  
24 made in the form and manner required by the Illinois State  
25 Police.

26 Information concerning convictions of a license applicant,

1 employee, or volunteer of a child care facility or  
2 non-licensed service provider investigated under this Section,  
3 including the source of the information and any conclusions or  
4 recommendations derived from the information, shall be  
5 provided, upon request, to such applicant, employee, or  
6 volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service  
7 provider prior to final action by the Department on the  
8 application. State conviction information provided by the  
9 Illinois State Police regarding employees, prospective  
10 employees, or volunteers of non-licensed service providers and  
11 child care facilities licensed under this Act shall be  
12 provided to the operator of such facility, and, upon request,  
13 to the employee, prospective employee, or volunteer of a child  
14 care facility or non-licensed service provider. Any  
15 information concerning criminal charges and the disposition of  
16 such charges obtained by the Department shall be confidential  
17 and may not be transmitted outside the Department, except as  
18 required herein, and may not be transmitted to anyone within  
19 the Department except as needed for the purpose of evaluating  
20 an application or an employee or volunteer of a child care  
21 facility or non-licensed service provider. Only information  
22 and standards which bear a reasonable and rational relation to  
23 the performance of a child care facility shall be used by the  
24 Department or any licensee. Any employee of the Department of  
25 Children and Family Services, Illinois State Police, or a  
26 child care facility receiving confidential information under

1 this Section who gives or causes to be given any confidential  
2 information concerning any criminal convictions of an  
3 applicant, employee, or volunteer of a child care facility or  
4 non-licensed service provider, shall be guilty of a Class A  
5 misdemeanor unless release of such information is authorized  
6 by this Section.

7 The Department of Children and Family Services or the  
8 Department of Early Childhood shall allow day care centers,  
9 day care homes, and group day care homes to ~~A child care~~  
10 ~~facility may hire,~~ on a probationary basis, any employee or  
11 volunteer ~~of a child care facility or non-licensed service~~  
12 ~~provider~~ authorizing a criminal background investigation under  
13 this Section after receiving a qualifying result from either:  
14 ~~pending the result of such investigation.~~

15 (1) the Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint  
16 criminal background check; or

17 (2) the Illinois State Police fingerprint criminal  
18 background check and a criminal record check of the  
19 criminal repository of each state in which the employee or  
20 volunteer resided during the preceding 5 years.

21 Pending full clearance of all background check  
22 requirements, the prospective employee or volunteer must be  
23 supervised at all times by an individual who received a  
24 qualifying result on all background check components.  
25 Employees and volunteers of a day care center, day care home,  
26 or group day care home ~~child care facility or non-licensed~~

1 ~~service provider~~ shall be notified prior to hiring that such  
2 employment may be terminated on the basis of criminal  
3 background information obtained by the facility.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 103-22, eff. 8-8-23.)

5 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-594)

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10 part of the application process, and each employee and  
11 volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service  
12 provider, as a condition of employment, authorize an  
13 investigation to determine if such applicant, employee, or  
14 volunteer has ever been charged with a crime and if so, the  
15 disposition of those charges; this authorization shall  
16 indicate the scope of the inquiry and the agencies which may be  
17 contacted. An employee or volunteer of a day care center, day  
18 care home, or group day care home shall authorize an  
19 investigation every 5 years, as required under the Child Care  
20 and Development Block Grant. Upon this authorization, the  
21 Director shall request and receive information and assistance  
22 from any federal, State or local governmental agency as part  
23 of the authorized investigation. Each applicant, employee, or  
24 volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service  
25 provider shall submit the applicant's, employee's, or

1 volunteer's fingerprints to the Illinois State Police in the  
2 form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These  
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3 non-licensed service providers and child care facilities  
4 licensed under this Act shall be provided to the operator of  
5 such facility, and, upon request, to the employee, prospective  
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9 by the Department of Children and Family Services or the  
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12 Family Services or the Department of Early Childhood, except  
13 as required herein, and may not be transmitted to anyone  
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16 of evaluating an application or an employee or volunteer of a  
17 child care facility or non-licensed service provider. Only  
18 information and standards which bear a reasonable and rational  
19 relation to the performance of a child care facility shall be  
20 used by the Department of Children and Family Services or the  
21 Department of Early Childhood or any licensee. Any employee of  
22 the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of  
23 Early Childhood, Illinois State Police, or a child care  
24 facility receiving confidential information under this Section  
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2 103-594, eff. 7-1-26.)

3 (225 ILCS 10/7.10)

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5 Sec. 7.10. Licensing orientation program and progress  
6 report.

7 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "child day care  
8 licensing" or "day care licensing" means licensing of day care  
9 centers, day care homes, and group day care homes.

10 (a-5) In addition to current day care ~~daycare~~ training and  
11 subject to appropriations, the Department or any State agency  
12 that assumes day care center licensing responsibilities shall  
13 host licensing orientation programs to help educate potential  
14 day care center, day care home, and group day care home  
15 providers about the child day care licensing process. The  
16 programs shall be made available in person and virtually. The  
17 Department or its successor shall offer to host licensing  
18 orientation programs at least twice annually in each  
19 Representative District in the State. Additionally, if one or  
20 more persons request that a program be offered in a language  
21 other than English, then the Department or its successor must  
22 accommodate the request.

23 (b) No later than September 30th of each year, the  
24 Department shall provide the General Assembly with a  
25 comprehensive report on its progress in meeting performance

1 measures and goals related to child day care licensing.

2 (c) The report shall include:

3 (1) details on the funding for child day care  
4 licensing, including:

5 (A) the total number of full-time employees  
6 working on child day care licensing;

7 (B) the names of all sources of revenue used to  
8 support child day care licensing;

9 (C) the amount of expenditures that is claimed  
10 against federal funding sources;

11 (D) the identity of federal funding sources; and

12 (E) how funds are appropriated, including  
13 appropriations for line staff, support staff,  
14 supervisory staff, and training and other expenses and  
15 the funding history of such licensing since fiscal  
16 year 2010;

17 (2) current staffing qualifications of day care  
18 licensing representatives and day care licensing  
19 supervisors in comparison with staffing qualifications  
20 specified in the job description;

21 (3) data history for fiscal year 2010 to the current  
22 fiscal year on day care licensing representative caseloads  
23 and staffing levels in all areas of the State;

24 (4) per the DCFS Child Day Care Licensing Advisory  
25 Council's work plan, quarterly data on the following  
26 measures:

1 (A) the number and percentage of new applications  
2 disposed of within 90 days;

3 (B) the percentage of licenses renewed on time;

4 (C) the percentage of day care centers receiving  
5 timely annual monitoring visits;

6 (D) the percentage of day care homes receiving  
7 timely annual monitoring visits;

8 (E) the percentage of group day care homes  
9 receiving timely annual monitoring visits;

10 (F) the percentage of provider requests for  
11 supervisory review;

12 (G) the progress on adopting a key indicator  
13 system;

14 (H) the percentage of complaints disposed of  
15 within 30 days;

16 (I) the average number of days a day care center  
17 applicant must wait to attend a licensing orientation;

18 (J) the number of licensing orientation sessions  
19 available per region in the past year; and

20 (K) the number of Department trainings related to  
21 licensing and child development available to providers  
22 in the past year; and

23 (5) efforts to coordinate with the Department of Human  
24 Services and the State Board of Education on professional  
25 development, credentialing issues, and child developers,  
26 including training registry, child developers, and Quality

1 Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS).

2 (d) The Department shall work with the Governor's  
3 appointed Early Learning Council on issues related to and  
4 concerning child day care.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-805, eff. 1-1-25; revised 10-10-24.)

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7 to and concerning child day care.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-594, eff. 7-1-26; 103-805, eff. 1-1-25;  
9 revised 11-26-24.)

10 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
11 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
12 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
13 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
14 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
15 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
16 Public Act."