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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 1024

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend Senate Resolution 1024 by
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, High-quality early childhood care and education
5 services are proven by research to play a positive role in the
6 education and healthy development of young children; and

7 WHEREAS, Research has shown that maltreatment has a
8 significant impact on healthy brain development, particularly
9 in the first three years of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Interventions carried out during critical periods
11 can be effective in mitigating the negative impacts of
12 maltreatment; and

13 WHEREAS, For decades, Illinois has invested substantial
14 State resources into its early care and education system and,

1 with the creation of the Illinois Commission on Equitable Early
2 Childhood Education and Care Funding, will remain one of the
3 nation's leading states in supporting young children; and

4 WHEREAS, State-funded early care and education programs
5 have systems and policies in place to identify and enroll
6 underrepresented and underserved populations; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013 and again in 2018, the State's Early
8 Learning Council identified eight priority populations and
9 encouraged communities and individual early care and education
10 programs to increase their service to these priority
11 populations; and

12 WHEREAS, One of the eight priority populations identified
13 is the number of children and families with Department of
14 Children and Family Services (DCFS) involvement; and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 45 percent of Youth in Care are under the
16 age of six; and

17 WHEREAS, Public Act 100-860 provides that families with
18 children under the age of five who have an open intact family
19 services case with DCFS are eligible for child care assistance
20 under the Department of Human Services' (IDHS) Child Care
21 Assistance Program (CCAP); and

1 WHEREAS, Public Act 100-860 also provides that families
2 with children under the age of five who have an open intact
3 family services case with DCFS shall remain eligible for child
4 care assistance six months after the child's intact family
5 services case is closed, regardless of whether the child's
6 parents or other relatives as defined by rule are working or
7 participating in employment or education or training programs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The State's early care and education system is
10 complex, with multiple State agencies administering a myriad of
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite systems in place at State agencies to
13 identify and enroll children and families with DCFS involvement
14 into high-quality early care and education programs, data show
15 that not enough Youth in Care under the age of six are enrolled
16 in programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The State has created and funded innovative
18 solutions to address priority populations, such as the Illinois
19 Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Care (IPPYC) Home Visiting
20 pilot, which provides evidence-based home visiting services to
21 pregnant or parenting teens or young adults who are in foster
22 care and their children; and

1 WHEREAS, With passage of the federal Families First
2 Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), the State must put a renewed
3 focus on connecting this underserved population with
4 high-quality early care and education services; therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Early
8 Learning Council, in consultation with the Governor's Office of
9 Early Childhood Development, shall convene an advisory
10 committee charged with the task of producing recommendations
11 for enrolling more children and families with Department of
12 Children and Family Services involvement in high-quality care
13 and education programs; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall consist of the following
15 members, who shall serve without compensation:

16 (1) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Permanent Services or
17 his or her designee;

18 (2) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Intact Services or his
19 or her designee;

20 (3) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Education & Transition
21 Services or his or her designee;

22 (4) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Research/Child
23 Well-Being or his or her designee;

1 (5) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Contract Administration
2 or his or her designee;

3 (6) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Licensing or his or her
4 designee;

5 (7) the (DCFS) Deputy Director-Monitoring or his or her
6 designee;

7 (8) the (DCFS) Administrator-Child & Family Policy or
8 his or her designee;

9 (9) 3 members who represent Point of Service agencies,
10 designated by the Director of the Department of Children
11 and Family Services;

12 (10) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of
13 Early Childhood Development or his or her designee;

14 (11) the Project Director of the Maternal, Infant and
15 Early Childhood Home Visiting Program of the Governor's
16 Office of Early Childhood Development or his or her
17 designee;

18 (12) the ISBE Director of Early Childhood Education or
19 his or her designee;

20 (13) the ISBE Director of Family & Community Engagement
21 or his or her designee;

22 (14) the Executive Director of the Illinois Network of
23 Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies or his or her
24 designee;

25 (15) the DHS Director of the Division of Family and
26 Community Services or his or her designee; and

1 (16) 3 representatives of organizations with expertise
2 in child welfare and early care and education policy,
3 designated by the Illinois Early Learning Council; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall convene within 60 days
6 of the adoption of this resolution and shall select a
7 chairperson at its first meeting; the Committee shall
8 thereafter meet on a regular schedule, no fewer than three
9 times before submitting its recommendations; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Early Learning Council of the Governor's
11 Office of Early Childhood Development shall provide
12 administrative support for the Committee; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall submit its final report
14 to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2020 and,
15 upon the filing of the report, is dissolved; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to the Department of Children and Family Services,
18 the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, the
19 Illinois State Board of Education, and the Department of Human
20 Services."