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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1571

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1571 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the First
5 Responders Child Care Act.

6 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
7 by adding Section 1-75 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 1305/1-75 new)

9 Sec. 1-75. Off-Hours Child Care Program.

10 (a) Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Finding child care can be a challenge for
12 firefighters, paramedics, police officers, nurses, and
13 other third shift workers across the State who often work
14 non-typical work hours. This can impact home life, school,
15 bedtime routines, job safety, and the mental health of

1 some of our most critical front line workers and their
2 families.

3 (2) There is a need for increased options for
4 off-hours child care in the State. A majority of the
5 State's child care facilities do not provide care outside
6 of normal work hours, with just 3,251 day care homes and
7 435 group home care programs that provide night care.

8 (3) Illinois has a vested interest in ensuring that
9 our first responders and working families can provide
10 their children with appropriate care during off hours to
11 improve the morale of existing first responders and to
12 improve recruitment into the future.

13 (b) As used in this Section, "first responders" means
14 emergency medical services personnel as defined in the
15 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, firefighters,
16 law enforcement officers, and, as determined by the
17 Department, any other workers who, on account of their work
18 schedule, need child care outside of the hours when licensed
19 child care facilities typically operate.

20 (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Human
21 Services shall establish and administer an Off-Hours Child
22 Care Program to help first responders and other workers
23 identify and access off-hours, night, or sleep time child
24 care. Services funded under the program must address the child
25 care needs of first responders. Funding provided under the
26 program may also be used to cover any capital and operating

1 expenses related to the provision of off-hours, night, or
2 sleep time child care for first responders. Funding awarded
3 under this Section shall be funded through appropriations from
4 the Off-Hours Child Care Program Fund created under subsection
5 (d). The Department shall implement the program by July 1,
6 2023. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
7 implement the program.

8 (d) The Off-Hours Child Care Program Fund is created as a
9 special fund in the State treasury. The Fund shall consist of
10 any moneys appropriated to the Department of Human Services
11 for the Off-Hours Child Care Program. Moneys in the Fund shall
12 be expended for the Off-Hours Child Care Program and for no
13 other purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall
14 be deposited into the Fund.

15 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
16 Section 5.970 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 105/5.970 new)

18 Sec. 5.970. The Off-Hours Child Care Program Fund.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law."