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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5024

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5024 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 5-45.55 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.55 new)

7 Sec. 5-45.55. Emergency rulemaking; Early Childhood Access  
8 Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program. To provide for the  
9 expeditious and timely implementation of the Early Childhood  
10 Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program under Section  
11 65.125 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act,  
12 emergency rules implementing the Early Childhood Access  
13 Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program may be adopted in  
14 accordance with Section 5-45 by the Illinois Student  
15 Assistance Commission. The adoption of emergency rules  
16 authorized by Section 5-45 and this Section is deemed to be

1 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare. This  
2 Section is repealed one year after the effective date of this  
3 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

4 Section 10. The Early Childhood Access Consortium for  
5 Equity Act is amended by changing Sections 15, 20, 25, and 30  
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 28/15)

8 Sec. 15. Creation of Consortium; purpose; administrative  
9 support.

10 (a) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
11 Community College Board shall create and establish the Early  
12 Childhood Access Consortium for Equity.

13 (b) The purpose of the Consortium is to serve the needs of  
14 the incumbent early childhood workforce and the employers of  
15 early childhood educators and to advance racial equity while  
16 meeting the needs of employers by streamlining, coordinating,  
17 and improving the accessibility of degree completion pathways  
18 for upskilling and the sustained expansion of educational  
19 pipelines at Illinois institutions of higher education.

20 (c) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
21 Community College Board shall convene the member institutions  
22 by July 1, 2021 or within 60 days after the effective date of  
23 this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly. The Board  
24 of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board

1 shall provide administrative support for the start up and  
2 operation of the Consortium until a permanent governance  
3 structure is developed and implemented. ~~The Board of Higher~~  
4 ~~Education and the Illinois Community College Board shall work~~  
5 ~~with member institutions to establish geographic regional~~  
6 ~~hubs, including public universities and the proximate~~  
7 ~~community colleges responsible for serving each regional hub.~~

8 (Source: P.A. 102-174, eff. 7-28-21.)

9 (110 ILCS 28/20)

10 Sec. 20. Membership; functions.

11 (a) Membership in the Consortium shall include all public  
12 universities and community colleges in this State that offer  
13 early childhood programs. Membership by private,  
14 not-for-profit universities is optional and conditional on the  
15 acceptance of the terms adopted by the public members, the  
16 related administrative rules, and the provisions of this Act.  
17 For-profit institutions of higher education are not eligible  
18 for membership in the Consortium. Participating institutions  
19 must be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and  
20 entitled to offer Gateways Credentials.

21 (b) The members of the Consortium shall operate jointly  
22 and in cooperation ~~through regional hubs~~ to provide  
23 streamlined paths for students to attain associate degrees,  
24 bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, certificates, and  
25 Gateways Credentials and other licensure endorsements in early

1 childhood education. The priority shall be to focus on the  
2 incumbent workforce, which includes working adults who require  
3 programs of study that offer flexibility in the times courses  
4 are offered, location, and format. The Consortium shall  
5 cooperate in all of the following:

6 (1) Providing course offerings ~~within each regional~~  
7 ~~hub~~ in online, hybrid, and in-person formats that are  
8 available to any student enrolled in a member institution  
9 ~~in that hub~~ for occasions in which a particular course is  
10 not available at the student's home institution. In this  
11 paragraph (1), "not available" may mean the course is not  
12 offered during a term, at a time, or in a format that works  
13 best for the student. Courses taken at any member  
14 institution shall be accepted toward the student's degree  
15 at any other member institution. Course offerings across  
16 institutions ~~regional hubs~~ may also be provided by an  
17 agreement between Consortium members. All course  
18 registration shall take place in consultation with a  
19 student's academic advisor.

20 (2) Shared responsibilities through the Consortium ~~and~~  
21 ~~within~~ and across the State ~~regional hubs~~ to expand access  
22 for students.

23 (3) Transfers in accordance with Section 130-10 of the  
24 Transitions in Education Act.

25 (4) The development of standardized methods for  
26 awarding credit for prior learning.

1           (5) The support necessary for student access,  
2 persistence, and completion shall be provided by the home  
3 institution, unless otherwise provided by agreement  
4 between Consortium members.

5           (6) Admissions, financial arrangements, registration,  
6 and advising services shall be functions of the home  
7 institution but shall be honored across the Consortium.

8           (7) Member institutions working with their regional  
9 pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and early childhood  
10 employer partners to determine demand throughout the  
11 region.

12           (8) Data-sharing agreements.

13           (9) An agreement that students enrolled in associate  
14 degree programs are encouraged to complete the associate  
15 degree program prior to transferring to a bachelor's  
16 degree program.

17           (10) Development of other shared agreements and terms  
18 necessary to implement the Consortium and its  
19 responsibilities.

20           By January 31, 2022, the Consortium shall decide how to  
21 assign college credit for the incumbent workers who have a  
22 Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and for future  
23 workers obtaining a CDA.

24           (c) The Consortium may facilitate or implement the  
25 following if deemed beneficial and feasible:

26           (1) the creation of an open education resource

1 library;

2 (2) support and training for program coaches and  
3 cross-institutional navigators; and

4 (3) support for the development, implementation, and  
5 participation in a statewide registry system through the  
6 Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral  
7 Agencies (INCCRRA) to provide tracking and data  
8 capabilities for students across the system as they attain  
9 competency through coursework.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-174, eff. 7-28-21.)

11 (110 ILCS 28/25)

12 Sec. 25. Advisory committee; membership.

13 (a) The Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community  
14 College Board, the State Board of Education, the Department of  
15 Human Services, and the Governor's Office of Early Childhood  
16 Development shall jointly convene a Consortium advisory  
17 committee to provide guidance on the operation of the  
18 Consortium.

19 (b) Membership on the advisory committee shall be  
20 comprised of employers and experts appointed by the Board of  
21 Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the  
22 Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, and the  
23 State Board of Education. Membership shall also include all of  
24 the following members:

25 (1) An employer from a community-based child care

1 provider, appointed by the Governor's Office of Early  
2 Childhood Development.

3 (2) An employer from a for-profit child care provider,  
4 appointed by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood  
5 Development.

6 (3) An employer from a nonprofit child care provider,  
7 appointed by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood  
8 Development.

9 (4) A provider of family child care, appointed by the  
10 Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

11 (5) An employer located in southern Illinois,  
12 appointed by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood  
13 Development.

14 (6) An employer located in central Illinois, appointed  
15 by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

16 (7) At least one member who represents an urban school  
17 district, appointed by the State Board of Education.

18 (8) At least one member who represents a suburban  
19 school district, appointed by the State Board of  
20 Education.

21 (9) At least one member who represents a rural school  
22 district, appointed by the State Board of Education.

23 (10) At least one member who represents a school  
24 district in a city with a population of 500,000 or more,  
25 appointed by the State Board of Education.

26 (11) Two early childhood advocates with statewide

1 expertise in early childhood workforce issues, appointed  
2 by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

3 (12) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the  
4 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the Senate  
5 Committee on Higher Education.

6 (13) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the  
7 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the House Committee  
8 on Higher Education.

9 (14) One member representing the Illinois Community  
10 College Board, who shall serve as co-chairperson,  
11 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

12 (15) One member representing the Board of Higher  
13 Education, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by  
14 the Board of Higher Education.

15 (16) One member representing the Illinois Student  
16 Assistance Commission, appointed by the Board of Higher  
17 Education.

18 (17) One member representing the State Board of  
19 Education, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by  
20 the State Board of Education.

21 (18) One member representing the Governor's Office of  
22 Early Childhood Development, who shall serve as  
23 co-chairperson, appointed by the Governor's Office of  
24 Early Childhood Development.

25 (19) One member representing the Department of Human  
26 Services, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by



1 the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

2 (20) One member representing INCCRRA, appointed by the  
3 Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

4 (21) One member representing the Department of  
5 Children and Family Services, appointed by the Governor's  
6 Office of Early Childhood Development.

7 (22) One member representing an organization that  
8 advocates on behalf of community college trustees,  
9 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

10 (23) One member of a union representing child care and  
11 early childhood providers, appointed by the Governor's  
12 Office of Early Childhood Development.

13 (24) Two members of unions representing higher  
14 education faculty, appointed by the Board of Higher  
15 Education.

16 (25) A representative from the College of Education of  
17 an urban public university, appointed by the Board of  
18 Higher Education.

19 (26) A representative from the College of Education of  
20 a suburban public university, appointed by the Board of  
21 Higher Education.

22 (27) A representative from the College of Education of  
23 a rural public university, appointed by the Board of  
24 Higher Education.

25 (28) A representative from the College of Education of  
26 a private university, appointed by the Board of Higher

1 Education.

2 (29) A representative of an urban community college,  
3 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

4 (30) A representative of a suburban community college,  
5 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

6 (31) A representative of rural community college,  
7 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

8 All appointed positions on the advisory committee shall  
9 have their term length chosen by agreement among the  
10 co-chairpersons of the advisory committee.

11 (c) The advisory committee shall meet at least twice a  
12 year ~~quarterly~~. The committee meetings shall be open to the  
13 public in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings  
14 Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-174, eff. 7-28-21.)

16 (110 ILCS 28/30)

17 Sec. 30. Reporting. The Consortium shall report to the  
18 General Assembly, to the Senate and House Committees with  
19 oversight over higher education, to the Governor, and to the  
20 advisory committee on the progress made by the Consortium. A  
21 report must include, but is not limited to, all of the  
22 following information:

23 (1) Student enrollment numbers for the fall and spring  
24 terms or semesters, retention rates, persistence in  
25 relevant associate, baccalaureate, and credential

1 programs, including demographic data that is disaggregated  
2 by race, ethnicity, and federal Pell Grant status,  
3 reported annually ~~twice per year~~. Completion numbers and  
4 rates, employer type, and years worked shall be reported  
5 annually.

6 (2) For students enrolled in early childhood programs,  
7 average assessed tuition, average ~~Tuition rates charged~~  
8 ~~and net price, number of students receiving student loans,~~  
9 and average loan amount ~~prices paid, reported both as~~  
10 ~~including and excluding student loans, by enrolled members~~  
11 ~~of the incumbent workforce, reported annually.~~

12 (3) Outreach plans to recruit and enroll incumbent  
13 workforce members, reported annually ~~twice per year~~.

14 (4) Participation of the incumbent workforce in  
15 outreach programs, which may include participation in an  
16 informational session, social media engagement, or other  
17 activities, reported annually ~~twice per year~~.

18 (5) Student academic and holistic support plans to  
19 help the enrolled incumbent workforce persist in their  
20 education, reported annually.

21 (6) Evidence of engagement and responsiveness to the  
22 needs of employer partners, reported annually.

23 (7) The Consortium budget including the use of federal  
24 funds, reported annually.

25 (8) Member contributions, including financial,  
26 physical, or in-kind contributions, provided to the

1 Consortium, reported annually.

2 (Source: P.A. 102-174, eff. 7-28-21.)

3 Section 15. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
4 amended by adding Section 65.125 as follows:

5 (110 ILCS 947/65.125 new)

6 Sec. 65.125. Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity  
7 Scholarship Program.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "incumbent workforce" has the  
9 meaning ascribed to that term in the Early Childhood Access  
10 Consortium for Equity Act.

11 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Commission shall  
12 implement and administer an early childhood educator  
13 scholarship program, to be known as the Early Childhood Access  
14 Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program. Under the Program,  
15 the Commission shall annually award scholarships to early  
16 childhood education students enrolled in institutions of  
17 higher education participating in the Early Childhood Access  
18 Consortium for Equity under the Early Childhood Access  
19 Consortium for Equity Act, upon application to the Commission.

20 (c) The Commission shall determine, by rule, the  
21 scholarship eligibility criteria, with preference given to  
22 members of the incumbent workforce, the application process,  
23 the amount of scholarship assistance awarded to a recipient,  
24 and the manner in which scholarships are issued and utilized.

1 To ensure alignment with Consortium goals and changing  
2 workforce needs, the Commission shall consult with the Board  
3 of Higher Education and Illinois Community College Board in  
4 establishing and, as needed, updating the Program's  
5 parameters.

6 (d) The Commission may adopt any rules necessary to  
7 implement and administer the Program.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.".