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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 814

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 814 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 5.15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.15)

7 Sec. 5.15. Daycare; Department of Human Services.

8 (a) For the purpose of ensuring effective statewide  
9 planning, development, and utilization of resources for the  
10 day care of children, operated under various auspices, the  
11 Department of Human Services, or any State agency that assumes  
12 these responsibilities, is designated to coordinate all day  
13 care activities for children of the State and shall develop or  
14 continue, and shall update every year, a State comprehensive  
15 day-care plan for submission to the Governor that identifies  
16 high-priority areas and groups, relating them to available

1 resources and identifying the most effective approaches to the  
2 use of existing day care services. The State comprehensive  
3 day-care plan shall be made available to the General Assembly  
4 following the Governor's approval of the plan.

5 The plan shall include methods and procedures for the  
6 development of additional day care resources for children to  
7 meet the goal of reducing short-run and long-run dependency  
8 and to provide necessary enrichment and stimulation to the  
9 education of young children. Recommendations shall be made for  
10 State policy on optimum use of private and public, local,  
11 State and federal resources, including an estimate of the  
12 resources needed for the licensing and regulation of day care  
13 facilities.

14 A written report shall be submitted to the Governor and  
15 the General Assembly annually on April 15. The report shall  
16 include an evaluation of developments over the preceding  
17 fiscal year, including cost-benefit analyses of various  
18 arrangements. Beginning with the report in 1990 submitted by  
19 the Department's predecessor agency and every 2 years  
20 thereafter, the report shall also include the following:

- 21 (1) An assessment of the child care services, needs  
22 and available resources throughout the State and an  
23 assessment of the adequacy of existing child care  
24 services, including, but not limited to, services assisted  
25 under this Act and under any other program administered by  
26 other State agencies.

1           (2) A survey of day care facilities to determine the  
2           number of qualified caregivers, as defined by rule,  
3           attracted to vacant positions, or retained at the current  
4           positions, and any problems encountered by facilities in  
5           attracting and retaining capable caregivers. The report  
6           shall include an assessment, based on the survey, of  
7           improvements in employee benefits that may attract capable  
8           caregivers. The survey process shall incorporate feedback  
9           from groups and individuals with relevant expertise or  
10           lived experience, including, but not limited to, educators  
11           and child care providers, regarding the collection of data  
12           in order to inform strategies and costs related to the  
13           Child Care Development Fund and the General Revenue Fund,  
14           for the purpose of promoting workforce recruitment and  
15           retention. The survey shall, at a minimum, be updated  
16           every 4 years based on feedback received. Initial survey  
17           updates shall be made prior to the 2025 survey data  
18           collection.

19           (3) The average wages and salaries and fringe benefit  
20           packages paid to caregivers throughout the State, computed  
21           on a regional basis, compared to similarly qualified  
22           employees in other but related fields.

23           (4) The qualifications of new caregivers hired at  
24           licensed day care facilities during the previous 2-year  
25           period.

26           (5) Recommendations for increasing caregiver wages and

1 salaries to ensure quality care for children.

2 (6) Evaluation of the fee structure and income  
3 eligibility for child care subsidized by the State.

4 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly  
5 shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required  
6 by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and  
7 filing such additional copies with the State Government Report  
8 Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required  
9 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

10 (b) The Department of Human Services shall establish  
11 policies and procedures for developing and implementing  
12 interagency agreements with other agencies of the State  
13 providing child care services or reimbursement for such  
14 services. The plans shall be annually reviewed and modified  
15 for the purpose of addressing issues of applicability and  
16 service system barriers.

17 (c) In cooperation with other State agencies, the  
18 Department of Human Services shall develop and implement, or  
19 shall continue, a resource and referral system for the State  
20 of Illinois either within the Department or by contract with  
21 local or regional agencies. Funding for implementation of this  
22 system may be provided through Department appropriations or  
23 other inter-agency funding arrangements. The resource and  
24 referral system shall provide at least the following services:

25 (1) Assembling and maintaining a data base on the  
26 supply of child care services.

1 (2) Providing information and referrals for parents.

2 (3) Coordinating the development of new child care  
3 resources.

4 (4) Providing technical assistance and training to  
5 child care service providers.

6 (5) Recording and analyzing the demand for child care  
7 services.

8 (d) The Department of Human Services shall conduct day  
9 care planning activities with the following priorities:

10 (1) Development of voluntary day care resources  
11 wherever possible, with the provision for grants-in-aid  
12 only where demonstrated to be useful and necessary as  
13 incentives or supports. By January 1, 2002, the Department  
14 shall design a plan to create more child care slots as well  
15 as goals and timetables to improve quality and  
16 accessibility of child care.

17 (2) Emphasis on service to children of recipients of  
18 public assistance when such service will allow training or  
19 employment of the parent toward achieving the goal of  
20 independence.

21 (3) (Blank).

22 (4) Care of children from families in stress and  
23 crises whose members potentially may become, or are in  
24 danger of becoming, non-productive and dependent.

25 (5) Expansion of family day care facilities wherever  
26 possible.

1           (6) Location of centers in economically depressed  
2 neighborhoods, preferably in multi-service centers with  
3 cooperation of other agencies. The Department shall  
4 coordinate the provision of grants, but only to the extent  
5 funds are specifically appropriated for this purpose, to  
6 encourage the creation and expansion of child care centers  
7 in high need communities to be issued by the State,  
8 business, and local governments.

9           (7) Use of existing facilities free of charge or for  
10 reasonable rental whenever possible in lieu of  
11 construction.

12           (8) Development of strategies for assuring a more  
13 complete range of day care options, including provision of  
14 day care services in homes, in schools, or in centers,  
15 which will enable a parent or parents to complete a course  
16 of education or obtain or maintain employment and the  
17 creation of more child care options for swing shift,  
18 evening, and weekend workers and for working women with  
19 sick children. The Department shall encourage companies to  
20 provide child care in their own offices or in the building  
21 in which the corporation is located so that employees of  
22 all the building's tenants can benefit from the facility.

23           (9) Development of strategies for subsidizing students  
24 pursuing degrees in the child care field.

25           (10) Continuation and expansion of service programs  
26 that assist teen parents to continue and complete their

1 education.

2 Emphasis shall be given to support services that will help  
3 to ensure such parents' graduation from high school and to  
4 services for participants in any programs of job training  
5 conducted by the Department.

6 (e) The Department of Human Services shall actively  
7 stimulate the development of public and private resources at  
8 the local level. It shall also seek the fullest utilization of  
9 federal funds directly or indirectly available to the  
10 Department.

11 Where appropriate, existing non-governmental agencies or  
12 associations shall be involved in planning by the Department.

13 (f) To better accommodate the child care needs of low  
14 income working families, especially those who receive  
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or who are  
16 transitioning from TANF to work, or who are at risk of  
17 depending on TANF in the absence of child care, the Department  
18 shall complete a study using outcome-based assessment  
19 measurements to analyze the various types of child care needs,  
20 including but not limited to: child care homes; child care  
21 facilities; before and after school care; and evening and  
22 weekend care. Based upon the findings of the study, the  
23 Department shall develop a plan by April 15, 1998, that  
24 identifies the various types of child care needs within  
25 various geographic locations. The plan shall include, but not  
26 be limited to, the special needs of parents and guardians in

1 need of non-traditional child care services such as early  
2 mornings, evenings, and weekends; the needs of very low income  
3 families and children and how they might be better served; and  
4 strategies to assist child care providers to meet the needs  
5 and schedules of low income families.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
8 2024."