AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Solomon” and substitute “Solomon, and Wilkins”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, in line 14, strike “The” and substitute “Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the”; in line 15, after the second “to” insert “each individual who”; in line 16, strike “each individual who, during fiscal year 2024,” and substitute “is employed by a child care provider on June 30, 2023:

(ii) is employed by the provider for at least 20 hours per week;

and

(iii) 1. on June 30, 2023;

in line 18, strike “and” and substitute “or”; in line 19, strike “(ii) each individual who” and substitute “2.”; strike beginning with the comma in line 20 down through “section” in line 21; and in line 23, after “employed” insert “for at least 20 hours a week”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “a” in line 3 down through “who,” in line 4 and substitute “up to $1,000 as a new hire bonus in accordance with this subsection.

(2) A bonus of $500 shall be awarded to each individual who:

(i)”;
in line 5, strike “, and” and substitute “that participates in the Child Care Scholarship Program in the State:

(ii) is employed with the provider for at least 20 hours per week;

(iii) remains employed as a child care provider for 3 months; and

(iv)”; 

in line 6, strike “as a provider or by a provider” and substitute “with that provider”; in the same line, strike “; and” and substitute a period; in line 7, strike “(ii) each” and substitute “(3) Each”; strike beginning with “item” in line 7 down through “who” in line 8 and substitute “paragraph (2) of this subsection is eligible for an additional $500 bonus if the individual:

(i)”; 

in line 9, after “2024” insert “; and

(ii) continues to be employed as or by a child care provider for at least 20 hours a week”;

in line 10, strike “(2)” and substitute “(4)”; in the same line, strike “an award under paragraph (1) of” and substitute “the first award of $500 under”; strike beginning with “was” in line 11 down through “2024” in line 12 and substitute “:

(i) has been employed at least 20 hours a week for 3 months”;

in line 13, after “State” insert “; and

(ii) intends to remain employed as a child care provider, or by a child care provider, for at least 6 months.
(5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Department shall distribute the second award of $500 under this subsection to an individual who received an award under paragraph (4) of this subsection after receiving proof that the individual:

1. earned a credential through the Maryland Child Care Credential Program; and

2. remained employed as a child care provider, or with a child care provider, that participates in the Child Care Scholarship Program for at least 20 hours a week for at least 6 months.

(ii) On receiving proof that an individual who received an award under paragraph (4) of this subsection had earned a credential through the Maryland Child Care Credential Program before the individual began employment, the Department shall distribute the second award of $500 under this subsection at the same time the award was distributed under paragraph (4) of this subsection’;

strike beginning with “each” in line 15 down through “by” in line 16; and in line 17, after “Program” insert “for each employee the child care provider hires in fiscal year 2024 to work at least 30 hours a week for at least 3 months”.