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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 480
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 2, before the first “**Child**” insert “**State Department of Education –**”; strike beginning with the first “**Grant**” in line 2 down through “**Established**” in line 3 and substitute “**Grants**”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “Program” in line 7 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to administer stabilization grants to child care providers in a certain fiscal year; providing for the priority of grant awards; and generally relating to child care stabilization grants”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 17 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) In fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the State Department of Education shall administer child care stabilization grants to provide financial support to child care providers that have faced a financial hardship or suffered an operational burden during the COVID–19 pandemic.

(b) In awarding grants under this section, the State Department of Education shall give preference to child care providers based on the following criteria, in order of priority:

(1) providers that have a demonstrated financial hardship that poses significant risk of the provider’s business closing within the next 12 months;

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(2) providers that have not received a stabilization grant in a prior application cycle;

(3) providers that participate in the Child Care Scholarship Program;

(4) providers located in areas designated by the State Department of Education as lacking child care slots;

(5) providers that serve primarily low-income populations in areas of high poverty;

(6) providers that serve children with special needs; and

(7) providers that serve children 2 years old and under.

(c) The State Department of Education shall award grants to child care providers in accordance with this section in the amount of \$50,000,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2022 and in the amount provided for such purpose in the fiscal year 2023 operating budget, as enacted by Chapter _____ of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022 (S.B. 290).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”