AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, strike “State Department of Education” and substitute “Department of Commerce”; in the same line, after the second “Fund” insert “with support from the State Department of Education”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 18, inclusive; and in line 21, strike “9.5–909” and substitute “9.5–113.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 22, inclusive; in line 23, strike “9.5–909.” and substitute “9.5–113.1.”; in line 24, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; in the same line, strike the comma and substitute “THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2)”; after line 25, insert:

“(3) “RURAL COMMUNITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 2–207 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.”;

in line 29, strike “TITLE” and substitute “SUBTITLE”; in line 30, after “DEPARTMENT” insert “OF COMMERCE”; and in the same line, after “FUND” insert “WITH SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT”.

On page 3, in line 24, after “DEPARTMENT” insert “OF COMMERCE”; and after line 26, insert:
“(III) If a hardship exemption is not granted, the Department of Commerce shall apply its normal policy regarding assisting child care providers with past due loan payments.”.

On page 4, in line 3, after “(I)” insert “(1)”; in the same line, after “Department” insert “of Commerce, in consultation with the Department,”; strike beginning with “including” in line 4 down through “requiring” in line 5 and substitute “in addition to the requirement that”; in line 5, strike “to”; in line 6, strike “title; and” and substitute “subtitle.”; in line 7, strike “giving priority to child care providers that” and substitute “the Department shall prioritize applicant criteria in the following order when providing funding from the Fund”; in line 8, strike “are” and substitute “child care providers that are”; strike beginning with “rural” in line 9 down through “2.” in line 10; in line 11, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; strike beginning with “child” in line 11 down through “as” in line 12; in line 13, after “(II)” insert “child care providers that are located in rural communities;”.

(III)";

in lines 15 and 16, strike “(III)” and “(IV)”, respectively, and substitute “(IV)” and “(V)”, respectively; in lines 13, 15, and 16, in each instance, strike “serve” and substitute “child care providers that serve”; and in line 15, strike “or” and substitute “and”.