

**HB0993/643326/1**

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 993  
(First Reading File Bill)

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**”.