

HB0725/153122/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 725
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 3 and 4, strike “specialized child care and early childhood education by” and substitute “funding to”; and in line 5, after “to” insert “provide specialized child care and early education to”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “**(2)**” in line 20 down through “MEANS” in line 21 and substitute “**(2) “ELIGIBLE CHILD” MEANS A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 6 YEARS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS, PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, OR DELAYS IN SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, OR BEHAVIORAL FUNCTIONING THAT NECESSITATE SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES INCLUDING**”.

On page 2, in line 11, after “**(3)**” insert “**“ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER” MEANS A THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION.**

(4)”;

after line 11, insert:

“(5) “THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER” INCLUDES EDUCATORS, EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS, MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.”;

in line 13, after “(C)” insert “**(1)**”; strike beginning with “SPECIALIZED” in line 13 down through “FUNCTIONING” in line 19 and substitute “**FUNDING TO ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.**”

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(3) ON MAY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

(4) ON MAY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COUNT ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AT EACH ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 2 through line 16 on page 3 and substitute:

“(D) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,750,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

(2) USING THE COUNT OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AT EACH ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER ON MAY 1 OF THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FULL APPROPRIATION LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO EACH ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDER IN AN AMOUNT PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED BY THE ELIGIBLE PROVIDER OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED BY ALL ELIGIBLE THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.”.