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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 350
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Funding**” and substitute “Alterations”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “levels;” in line 7 and substitute “prohibiting the State Department of Education from increasing the copayment levels or reducing the reimbursement rates or the income eligibility requirements in effect as of a certain date for the Child Care Scholarship Program unless certain conditions are met;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, THE**”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “**(I)**” in line 31 on page 2 through “**FREEZE.**” in line 12 on page 3 and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS, OR REDUCE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES OR THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023, FOR THE PROGRAM.”

(3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS AND REDUCE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023, IF:

1. THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS A NOTIFICATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE INTENDED INCREASES OR REDUCTIONS,

INCLUDING THE REASON FOR, AND EXPECTED DURATION OF, THE PROPOSED ACTIONS; AND

2. THE INCREASES OR REDUCTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTIFICATION ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NOTIFICATION.

(II) IF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER § 7-213 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE FOR A CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS OR REDUCE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES OR THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AT ANY TIME DURING THE FISCAL YEAR AS NECESSARY.”.

On page 3, in lines 13, 16, 19, and 32, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 13 and 29, in each instance, strike “(1)”; in line 13, strike “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE”; in lines 16, 19, and 32, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(I)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 22 through 25, inclusive.

On page 3 in line 29, and on page 4 in lines 16 and 23, in each instance, strike “subsidy” and substitute “SCHOLARSHIP”.

On page 4, in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, strike “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “(II)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 15, inclusive.