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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 919 – Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund - Established

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

Child care has been severely impacted by the pandemic and Maryland has suffered the loss of over 900 child care business. While federal and state funds have helped to stabilize the industry, much more needs to be done.

Senate Bill 919 will establish the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund. This no-interest loan for capital improvements will be targeted to providers who participate in the Child Care Scholarship Program, with priority given to providers that are located in:

- rural Communities
- underserved Communities; or
- areas designated by the Department as child care deserts or areas lacking in child care slots.

Priority will also be given to providers who:

- serve primarily low-income populations in areas of high poverty
- serve children with special needs; or
- serve children ages two or younger

The State's investment of \$30 million over the next three years will be replenished as child care programs begin to repay the loans after growing their businesses to serve more children and families.

Obtaining a loan to expand or improve a business is not easy, but is especially difficult for the typically small, women owned businesses that comprise the majority of the day care industry. This legislation will allow providers to grow and will be another step in improving access to safe, quality child care in Maryland and so I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 919.