

February 1, 2022

SUPPORT – HB 89 - Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and Child Care Expansion Grant Program - Established

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of HB89 - Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and Child Care Expansion Grant Program - Established. Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct needs assessments of their communities. Child care providers have taken a financial toll in the COVID-19 pandemic with less people working and utilizing childcare, creating the need for support from the State.

Child care is an essential piece of our economic stability in Maryland. Parents need to have reliable, affordable childcare to be able to go to work and know that their child is safe. Support from the State would allow for child care facilities to stay open and operate, train staff, and provide essential cleaning and educational supplies. This support would have a positive impact on child development and our economy by assisting more people to enter the workforce. As a Local Management Board, we support efforts

We urge you to support HB89 to support Maryland child care providers.

Sincerely,

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