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3 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

4 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
5 which was referred Senate Bill No. 23 entitled “An act relating to increasing
6 the minimum wage” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
7 recommends that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, Child Care Financial
8 Assistance Program, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting a
9 new Sec. 2 to read:

10 Sec. 2. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; SLIDING
11 SCALE

12 To the extent funds are appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and
13 Families shall amend the Department for Children and Families’ Child Care
14 Financial Assistance Program’s sliding fee scale in order to:

15 (1) adjust the sliding scale of the Child Care Financial Assistance
16 Program benefit to correspond with each minimum wage increase required
17 pursuant to this act to ensure that the benefit percentage at each new minimum
18 wage level would not be lower than the percentage applied under the former
19 minimum wage; and

20 (2) adjust the Child Care Financial Assistance Program rate paid to
21 providers on behalf of families in a manner that offsets the estimated increased

1 cost of child care in Vermont resulting from the increase in the minimum wage
2 required pursuant to this act.

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE

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