

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.  
3 171 entitled “An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont’s  
4 child care system” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that House concur with the Senate proposal of amendment with  
6 further amendments as follows:

7 First: By striking out Sec. 10 (recommendations; American Rescue Plan  
8 Act of 2021; Child Care Development Block Grant) in its entirety and inserting  
9 a new Sec. 10 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 10. RECOMMENDATIONS; AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF  
11 2021; CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; CHILD  
12 CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS

13 On or before September 1, 2021, the Department for Children and Families,  
14 in consultation with stakeholders, that include individuals who are Black,  
15 Indigenous, and Persons of Color, shall submit a plan on the proposed use of  
16 the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child Care Stabilization  
17 Grants funding received by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan  
18 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, for review and acceptance by the Joint Fiscal  
19 Committee at their September 2021 meeting. The plan shall concurrently be  
20 provided to the Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and of the  
21 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare for input prior to action by the Joint

1 Fiscal Committee. To the extent permissible, the plan shall consider the  
2 following priorities but need not be limited to consideration of the listed  
3 priorities:

4 (1) funding necessary to ensure that the co-payment for a family  
5 participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program shall not exceed  
6 10 percent of a family’s annual gross income;

7 (2) expansion of the Child Care Financial Assistance Program to  
8 families whose incomes are up to 400 percent of the current federal poverty  
9 level;

10 (3) increased access to high-quality infant care;

11 (4) access to high-quality, affordable child care for culturally and  
12 racially diverse families;

13 (5) support and assistance to stabilize regulated, privately operated  
14 center-based child care programs and family child care homes; and

15 (6) the identification of any statutory or regulatory barriers to using the  
16 ARPA funds to address the immediate and future child care needs of  
17 Vermonters.

18 Second: In Sec. 16 (effective dates), by striking out subsection (a) in its  
19 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

1        (a) This section and Sec. 10 (recommendations; American Rescue Plan Act  
2        of 2021; Child Care Development Block Grant; Child Care Stabilization  
3        Grants) shall take effect on passage.

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6        (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE