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2 Senators Lyons, Hardy, Cummings, Hooker, and Terenzini move that the
3 Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment to the Senate proposal of
4 amendment with further proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 10,
5 recommendations; American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; Child Care
6 Development Block Grant; Child Care Stabilization Grants, in its entirety and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 10 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 10. RECOMMENDATIONS; AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF
9 2021; CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; CHILD
10 CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS

11 (a) On or before September 1, 2021, the Department for Children and
12 Families, in consultation with stakeholders that include individuals who are
13 Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, shall submit a plan on the proposed
14 use of the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child Care
15 Stabilization Grants, in excess of monies specifically allocated from the Child
16 Care Development Block Grant in fiscal year 2022 for the child care workforce
17 support programs established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5, received
18 by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub.
19 L. No. 117-2, for review and acceptance by the Joint Fiscal Committee at their
20 September 2021 meeting. The plan shall concurrently be provided to the
21 Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and of the Senate

1 Committee on Health and Welfare for input prior to action by the Joint Fiscal
2 Committee. To the extent permissible, the plan shall consider the following
3 priorities but need not be limited to consideration of the listed 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;

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; and

18 (7) the fiscal impact of the pandemic on Head Start programs statewide.

19 (b) If Child Care Development Block Grant funds, received by the State
20 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2
21 are not available to implement the child care workforce support programs

1 established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5, the plan required pursuant to
2 subsection (a) of this section shall include a proposal for consideration as part
3 of the fiscal year 2022 budget adjustment process to utilize State funds or
4 alternative federal funds to cover the child care workforce support programs.