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3 Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South
4 Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rosenquist of Georgia, Small of Winooski,
5 Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury move that the House concur
6 with the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendments thereto as
7 follows:

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

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

14 (a) On or before September 1, 2021, the Department for Children and
15 Families, in consultation with stakeholders, which include individuals who are
16 Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, shall submit a plan on the proposed
17 use of the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child Care
18 Stabilization Grants, in excess of monies specifically allocated from the Child
19 Care Stabilization Grants in fiscal year 2022 for the child care workforce
20 support programs established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5, received
21 by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub.

1 L. No. 117-2, for review and acceptance by the Joint Fiscal Committee at their
2 September 2021 meeting. The plan shall concurrently be provided to the
3 Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and of the Senate
4 Committee on Health and Welfare for input prior to action by the Joint Fiscal
5 Committee. To the extent permissible, the plan shall consider the following
6 priorities but need not be limited to consideration of the listed priorities:

7 (1) funding necessary to ensure that the co-payment for a family
8 participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program shall not exceed
9 10 percent of a family's annual gross income;

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

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

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

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

18 (6) the identification of any statutory or regulatory barriers to using the
19 ARPA funds to address the immediate and future child care needs of
20 Vermonters; and

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

1 (b) If ARPA funds are not available to implement the child care workforce
2 support programs established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5, the plan
3 required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include an offset to
4 State funds to cover the child care workforce support programs.

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

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