

1 Sec. A. CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION; STEP AHEAD

2 RECOGNITION SYSTEM

3 As part of its fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment presentation to the General
4 Assembly, the Department for Children and Families shall present its proposed
5 policy changes to the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) to the House
6 Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and
7 Welfare. The Division's presentation shall summarize its proposed changes to
8 STARS, including any anticipated impacts on child care providers and
9 families. Any requested policy changes to STARS and related appropriations
10 requests shall require legislative approval through the budget process pursuant
11 to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 3.

12 Sec. B. BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION SYSTEM;

13 MODERNIZATION; CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

14 PROGRAM

15 On or before January 1, 2024, or six months after both the modernization of
16 the Bright Futures Information System (BFIS) pursuant to 2021 Acts and
17 Resolves No. 45, Sec. 5 and the implementation of the corresponding
18 eligibility changes to the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)
19 pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 2 have taken effect,
20 whichever is later occurring, the Department for Children and Families shall
21 submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
22 Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
23 Health and Welfare evaluating the effectiveness of the BFIS modernization

1 project and the CCFAP eligibility changes. The report shall address how
2 implementation of BFIS and CCFAP changes impact the availability and
3 affordability of child care throughout Vermont.

4 Sec. C. REPEAL

5 2019 Acts and Resolved No. 72, Sec. E.318.7 is repealed.