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2   Representative Wood of Waterbury moves that the House propose to the

3   Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

4   First: In Sec. 7, appropriation; Child Care Financial Assistance Program, in

5   subdivision (b)(1)(J) by striking out "Manger" and inserting "Manager"

6   Second: By inserting a new Sec. 8a after Sec. 8 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 8a. 33 V.S.A. § 3514 is amended to read:

8   § 3514. PAYMENT TO PROVIDERS

9   (a) The Commissioner shall establish a payment schedule for purposes of

10   reimbursing providers for full- or part-time child care services rendered to

11   families who participate in the programs established under section 3512 or

12   3513 of this title. Payments established under this section shall reflect the

13   following considerations: whether the provider operates a licensed child care

14   facility or a registered family child care home, type of service provided, cost of

15   providing the service, and the prevailing market rate for comparable service.

16   Payments shall be based on enrollment status or any other basis agreed to by

17   the provider and the Division and shall reimburse all providers using the fiscal

18   year 2023 5-STAR rate.

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20   Third: In Sec. 9, 33 V.S.A. § 3514, by striking out subdivision (a)(2) in its

21   entirety and inserting a new subdivision (a)(2) to read as follows:

1   (2) Payments shall be based on enrollment ~~status or any other basis~~

2   ~~agreed to by the provider and the Division and shall reimburse all providers~~

3   ~~using the fiscal year 2023 5-STAR rate~~. The Department, in consultation with

4   the Office of Racial Equity and stakeholders, shall adopt rules pursuant to 3

5   V.S.A. chapter 25 that define "enrollment" and the total number of allowable

6   absences to continue participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance

7   Program. The Department shall minimize itemization of absence categories.

8   Fourth: In Sec. 12a, 33 V.S.A. § 3518, in subdivision (a)(1), by striking out

9   "affiliate" and inserting in lieu thereof "licensee"; in subdivision (b)(3), by

10   striking out "affiliates" and by inserting in lieu thereof "licensees"; in

11   subdivision (a)(4), by striking out "owner" and by inserting in lieu thereof

12   "licensee"; and in subdivisions (b)(2) and (3), by striking out "owners" in both

13   instances in which it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof "licensees"