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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 89
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before the first “**Child**” insert “**State Department of Education** –”; strike beginning with “**Grant**” in line 2 down through “**Established**” in line 3 and substitute “**Grants**”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “Program” in line 7 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to administer stabilization grants to child care providers in a certain fiscal year; providing for the priority of grant awards; and generally relating to child care stabilization grants”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 19 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) In fiscal year 2023, the State Department of Education shall administer child care stabilization grants to provide financial support to child care providers that have faced a financial hardship or suffered an operational burden during the COVID–19 pandemic.

(b) In awarding grants under this section, the State Department of Education shall give preference to child care providers based on the following criteria, in order of priority:

(1) providers that have a demonstrated financial hardship that poses significant risk of the provider’s business closing within the next 12 months;

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(2) providers that have not received a stabilization grant in a prior application cycle;

(3) providers that participate in the Child Care Scholarship Program;

(4) providers located in areas designated by the State Department of Education as lacking child care slots;

(5) providers that serve primarily low-income populations in areas of high poverty;

(6) providers that serve children with special needs; and

(7) providers that serve children 2 years old and under.

(c) The State Department of Education shall award \$50,000,000 in grants to child care providers in accordance with this section and the fiscal year 2023 operating budget, as enacted by Chapter _____ of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022 (S. B. 290).”