

HB0495/803820/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 495
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Funding**” and substitute “**Alterations**”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “levels;” in line 7 and substitute “prohibiting the State Department of Education from increasing the copayment levels, reducing the reimbursement rates, reducing the income eligibility requirements, or implementing an enrollment freeze for the Child Care Scholarship Program in effect as of a certain date unless certain conditions are met;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, THE**”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “**(I)**” in line 31 on page 2 down through “**FREEZE.**” in line 12 on page 3 and substitute “**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT MAKE THE FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS TO THE PROGRAM IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023:**

- (I) INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS;**
- (II) REDUCE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES;**
- (III) REDUCE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; OR**
- (IV) IMPLEMENT A FREEZE IN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT.**

(3) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALTER THE PROGRAM IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023, BY INCREASING THE COPAYMENT LEVELS, REDUCING THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES, REDUCING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR IMPLEMENTING A FREEZE IN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT, IF:

1. THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS A NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE INTENDED PROGRAM ALTERATIONS, INCLUDING THE REASON FOR, AND EXPECTED DURATION OF, THE PROPOSED ACTIONS; AND

2. THE PROGRAM ALTERATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTIFICATION ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NOTIFICATION.

(II) IF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER § 7-213 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE FOR A CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCREASE THE COPAYMENT LEVELS, REDUCE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES, REDUCE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR IMPLEMENT A FREEZE IN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.”.

On page 3, in lines 13, 16, 19, and 32, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 13 and 29, in each instance, strike “(1)”; in line 13, strike “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE”; in lines 16, 19, and 32, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(I)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 22 through 25, inclusive.

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On page 3 in line 29, and on page 4 in lines 16 and 23, in each instance, strike “subsidy” and substitute “SCHOLARSHIP”.

On page 4, in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, strike “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “(II)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 15, inclusive.