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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL CREATING A TIERED REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WITH HIGHER RATES BEING ISSUED TO PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED AS "HIGHER QUALITY"

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: June 24, 2015

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Although parents may send their children to child care centers and family
2 child care providers out of necessity, there are benefits for the children as well; and

3 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that children in high quality child care education have
4 better math, language and social skills as they enter school, and as they grow older; and

5 WHEREAS, Caregivers in Rhode Island need adequate support, such as proper funding
6 and continuing education, in order to effectively care for children; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby respectfully requests the Rhode Island Department of Human Services to develop a
9 proposal creating a system of tiered reimbursements for licensed child care centers and family
10 child care providers with higher rates being issued to programs recognized as "higher quality" by
11 the department's quality rating; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate respectfully requests that the proposal include specific
13 programs to support quality improvement and advancement in the department's quality rating
14 system as well as comprehensive workforce development programs to assist licensed child care
15 providers to pursue high school equivalency diplomas, associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees,
16 college credits in early child care and education, and any other program deemed necessary; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that the written update be

1 submitted to the Senate President on or before October 31, 2015; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo, Governor of the

4 State of Rhode Island, and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Human Services.

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