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Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund Bill 2022

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 **Name of Act**
Page 2, proposed section 1, line 4. Omit “*and Economic Opportunity*”.
- No. 2 **Objective of Act**
Page 2, proposed section 4(1), lines 25–27. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead—
(1) The principal objective of this Act is to increase levels of affordable and accessible childcare across the State.
- No. 3 **Objective of Act**
Page 2, proposed section 4(2)(b), line 30. Omit “childcare.”. Insert instead—
childcare, and
(c) support the early childhood education and care workforce and sector.
- No. 4 **Use of information**
Page 5, proposed section 8(3), lines 7 and 8. Omit all words on those lines.
- No. 5 **Appointed members of Board**
Page 6, proposed section 9(3)(c), line 11. Omit “3”. Insert instead “5”.
- No. 6 **Appointed members of Board**
Page 6, proposed section 10. Insert after line 30—
(2A) At least one of the appointed members must have experience or expertise in childcare.
(2B) At least one of the appointed members must have experience or expertise in childcare sector workforce issues.
- No. 7 **Provision of financial assistance**
Page 7, proposed section 12. Insert after line 15—
(2A) Financial assistance from the Fund may be given only to—
(a) government sector agencies, including local government agencies, or
(b) not-for-profit bodies.

No. 8 **Matters to be considered when exercising functions**

Page 12, proposed section 24, lines 2–5. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead—

24 Matters to consider when exercising functions under Act

- (1) A person exercising functions under this Act must consider the following—
 - (a) the percentage of marginal income spent by families on childcare;
 - (b) the impact the cost of childcare has on—
 - (i) preventing children from accessing early childhood education, and
 - (ii) discouraging persons from participating, or increasing participation, in work.

No. 9 **Repeal of Act**

Page 13, proposed section 29, lines 1–6. Omit all words on those lines.

No. 10 **Maximum financial assistance**

Page 14, proposed Schedule 1, section 2, line 9. Omit “The maximum”. Insert instead “Subject to a higher amount being recommended for a financial year in a strategic investment plan, the maximum”.

No. 11 **Payments before first strategic investment plan**

Page 16, proposed Schedule 2, section 4. Insert after line 8—

- (2) As soon as practicable, and no more than 7 days after a payment is made under this section, the following information about the payment must be made publicly available on the website of the Department of Education—
 - (a) the amount of the payment,
 - (b) the scope of the program funded by the payment,
 - (c) the reasons for making the payment,
 - (d) the guidelines or purpose used as a basis for funding the program.