

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 16, line 16, strike "**functions.**" and substitute  
2 "**functions - legislative intent.**".

3 Page 17, after line 1 insert:

4 "(3) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ANY  
5 MONEY THE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATES TO SUPPORT A TRANSITION PERIOD  
6 EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION BE A ONE-TIME  
7 EXPENDITURE AND NOT BE A SOURCE OF ONGOING PROGRAM FUNDING OR  
8 A BASELINE ADJUSTMENT."

9 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

10 Page 17, after line 25 insert:

11 "(7) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS PART  
12 2, IF THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS  
13 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES THE CONSOLIDATION,  
14 REASSIGNMENT, OR MATERIAL MODIFICATION OF THE DUTIES OF AN  
15 ORGANIZATION PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN PART 1 OF THIS  
16 ARTICLE 2, AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2026, OR AN EARLY  
17 CHILDHOOD COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME  
18 EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD. THE TRANSITION PERIOD MUST  
19 CONCLUDE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2029, AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER  
20 EXTENSION.

21 (b) DURING A TRANSITION PERIOD EXTENSION AUTHORIZED  
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT  
23 MAY, AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION AND  
24 COORDINATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,  
25 MAINTAIN SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
26 AND AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN PART 1 OF  
27 THIS ARTICLE 2, AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2026.

28 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2029, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
29 SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE. THE  
30 REPORT MUST INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF TRANSITION COSTS AND  
31 EXPENDITURES, OPERATIONAL READINESS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
32 ANY LEGISLATIVE CHANGES NECESSARY TO FACILITATE LOCAL EARLY  
33 CHILDHOOD SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, COORDINATION, AND  
34 CONTRACTING FOLLOWING A TRANSITION PERIOD AUTHORIZED PURSUANT  
35 TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION."

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