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2 Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Gregoire of Fairfield, McFaun of
3 Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South
4 Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rosenquist of Georgia, Small of Winooski,
5 Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury move that the House concur
6 with the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendments thereto as
7 follows:

8 First: By striking out Sec. 10 (recommendations; American Rescue Plan
9 Act of 2021; Child Care Development Block Grant) in its entirety and inserting
10 a new Sec. 10 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 10. RECOMMENDATIONS; AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF
12 2021; CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; CHILD
13 CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS

14 On or before September 1, 2021, the Department for Children and Families,
15 in consultation with stakeholders, that include individuals who are Black,
16 Indigenous, and Persons of Color, shall submit a plan on the proposed use of
17 the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child Care Stabilization
18 Grants funding received by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan
19 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, for review and acceptance by the Joint Fiscal
20 Committee at their September 2021 meeting. The plan shall concurrently be
21 provided to the Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and of the

1 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare for input prior to action by the Joint
2 Fiscal Committee. To the extent permissible, the plan shall consider the
3 following priorities but need not be limited to consideration of the listed
4 priorities:

5 (1) funding necessary to ensure that the co-payment for a family
6 participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program shall not exceed
7 10 percent of a family’s annual gross income;

8 (2) expansion of the Child Care Financial Assistance Program to
9 families whose incomes are up to 400 percent of the current federal poverty
10 level;

11 (3) increased access to high-quality infant care;

12 (4) access to high-quality, affordable child care for culturally and
13 racially diverse families;

14 (5) support and assistance to stabilize regulated, privately operated
15 center-based child care programs and family child care homes; and

16 (6) the identification of any statutory or regulatory barriers to using the
17 ARPA funds to address the immediate and future child care needs of
18 Vermonters.

19 Second: In Sec. 16 (effective dates), by striking out subsection (a) in its
20 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

1 (a) This section and Sec. 10 (recommendations; American Rescue Plan Act
2 of 2021; Child Care Development Block Grant; Child Care Stabilization
3 Grants) shall take effect on passage.

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE