



PA 23-118—HB 6565

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF CHILD CARE CENTERS NEAR CAMPUSES

SUMMARY: Existing law requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to consult with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to develop a plan to increase the number of OEC-licensed child care centers or group child care homes on or near each regional community-technical college and state university campus. The plan must include the expansion and maintenance of child care facilities that (1) are utilized by an early childhood education program for instructional purposes or (2) provide evening and weekend child care services in accordance with college or university course schedules.

The act expands the plan's minimum requirements by requiring that it also include the following:

1. an assessment of the student body's child care needs and the existing child care services and facilities available on each campus or in the surrounding community;
2. opportunities for collaboration with other state agencies, federal programs, community organizations, or nonprofit organizations to carry out the plan; and
3. a budget and implementation timeline.

Prior law required BOR to submit the plan to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee by January 1, 2023. The act extends the plan submission deadline by one year, to January 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage