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TO: Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair Sanchez, Vice-Chair Noble

FROM: Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning Division

RE: HB 2027 -3 Amendment

Chair Keny-Guyer,

HB 2027 intends to create additional enforcement tools that will allow the Office of Child Care to continue to ensure children are healthy and safe in licensed child care, recorded programs and regulated subsidy facilities. These enforcement tools are reflected in the Introduced version of the bill and we will be working with legislative counsel to ensure those tools are included for regulated subsidy facilities in a -4 amendment.

The -3 amendment before you has four areas that provide additional clarity:

1. Clarifies rulemaking authority within the Early Learning Council, not the Office of Child Care;
2. Ensuring both the Office of Child Care and Department of Human Services have access to the National Sex Offender Registry when conducting background checks;
3. Technical fix correcting the term "childcare" to "child care;"
4. Ensuring requirements are defined by rule, as directed by the Child Care Development Fund.

The Early Learning Division has worked alongside the Department of Human Services to ensure that this amendment is consistent with our coordinated work. The Division is available to answer any questions and we thank you for your consideration of this amendment.

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