

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 236

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 29

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon insert “and” and delete the rest
2 of the line.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall conduct a study on:**

5 **“(a) The use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs;**
6 **and**

7 **“(b) Efforts to reduce and prevent the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood**
8 **care and education programs.**

9 **“(2) The division shall report the results of the study required under this section to the**
10 **appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15,**
11 **2024.**

12 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.**

13 **“SECTION 3. (1) An early childhood care or education program that receives state public**
14 **funds from the Early Learning Division may not suspend or expel any child.**

15 **“(2) An early childhood care or education program that violates subsection (1) of this**
16 **section shall cease to be eligible to receive state public funds from the Early Learning Divi-**
17 **sion.**

18 **“(3) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this**
19 **section, including providing for:**

20 **“(a) A waiver that the Early Learning System Director, or the director’s designee, may**
21 **provide to an early childhood care or education program of the prohibition described in sub-**
22 **section (1) of this section; and**

23 **“(b) A method for resolving disputes between parents and providers related to suspen-**
24 **sions and expulsions, while taking into consideration the best placement of the child.**

25 **“SECTION 4. (1) Section 3 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.**

26 **“(2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the**
27 **Early Learning Council and the Early Learning Division may take any action before the op-**
28 **erative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the council**
29 **and division to exercise, on and after the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this**
30 **section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the council and division by sec-**
31 **tion 3 of this 2021 Act.**

32 **“SECTION 5. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
33 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
34 **July 1, 2021.”.**