

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 236**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon insert  
2 “and” and delete the rest 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  
5 on:**

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

8 **“(b) Efforts to reduce and prevent the use of suspension and ex-  
9 pulsion in early childhood care and education programs.**

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

13 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,  
14 2024.**

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

18 **“(2) An early childhood care or education program that violates  
19 subsection (1) of this section shall cease to be eligible to receive state  
20 public funds from the Early Learning Division.**

21 **“(3) The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules necessary for the**

1 administration of this section, including providing for:

2 “(a) A waiver that the Early Learning System Director, or the  
3 director’s designee, may provide to an early childhood care or educa-  
4 tion program of the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this  
5 section; and

6 “(b) A method for resolving disputes between parents and providers  
7 related to suspensions and expulsions, while taking into consideration  
8 the best placement of the child.

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

11 **“(2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1)  
12 of this section, the Early Learning Council and the Early Learning  
13 Division may take any action before the operative date set forth in  
14 subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the council  
15 and division to exercise, on and after the operative date set forth in  
16 subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers  
17 conferred on the council and division by section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

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

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