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Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

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Re: Session day waiver request

Dear Chairperson Wojno, Alternate Chairperson Haadsma, and committee members:

As the regulatory affairs officer for the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, I respectfully request that the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules waive the remaining session days under the authority provided in the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.245a(1)(d), for the review of the following amended rules, which were submitted to the Committee on December 10, 2024:

Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers R 400.8101 through R 400.8840 (MOAHR #2024-11 LP)

The amendments to the rules make significant changes throughout the licensing ruleset to improve readability, remove outdated provisions, and improve flexibility to meet the requirements while protecting the health and safety of children under care.

The Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential developed these revisions in deep collaboration with impacted members of the industry by providing over 65 listening sessions, collecting written feedback, and seating an advisory ad hoc committee of relevant stakeholders to deliver recommendations over the past year. Notably, these rules also apply to preschool classrooms funded by the Great Start Readiness Program that the department oversees.

Given the short amount of time remaining for session and a statutory requirement that the rules take effect 90 days after their effective date, the department is respectfully requesting a waiver the balance of the session days in the review period to ensure timely implementation of the changes in the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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