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HOUSE BILL NO. 1833
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Governor
on March 24, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Simonds)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-289.05:1, relating to Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program established; report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-289.05:1 as follows:

§ 22.1-289.05:1. Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program.

A. With such funds as may be provided for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act, there is hereby established the Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program whereby funds are provided to the Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead to work in conjunction with public and private partners, including the U.S. Department of Defense, Early Childhood Navigators at the Department, local governing bodies, and nonprofit organizations with experience in supporting childcare providers to become licensed, to:

1. Cover the cost of hiring a Navigator focused on providing training and support to small family day homes in the region, including weekend training sessions to provide information on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, medication administration, safe sleep practices, emergency planning, recordkeeping, insurance, and compliance with relevant local ordinances; and

2. Provide incentive payments of \$500 to any small family day home in the region:

a. That is not licensed or voluntarily registered when such home achieves voluntary registration pursuant to § 22.1-289.015;

b. That is voluntarily registered or otherwise unlicensed when such home achieves licensure pursuant to § 22.1-289.011; and

c. When such home first participates in the Virginia Quality Birth to Five (VQB5) system established pursuant to § 22.1-289.05 and meets the standards to qualify for subsidies under the Virginia Child Care Subsidy Program and the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS program.

B. The Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead shall annually collect and make publicly available data on the number of small family day homes in the region that (i) participated in the weekend trainings provided by the Navigator and (ii) received incentive payments for first achieving voluntary registration or licensure or participating in VQB5.

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2030.

3. That the Department of Education, in consultation with the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education, shall study and make recommendations on the feasibility of the Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program (the Pilot Program) pursuant to § 22.1-289.05:1 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, including (i) the potential cost of implementing and administering the Pilot Program; (ii) the impact of the Pilot Program on the availability of child care in the Commonwealth, particularly for military families and other hard-to-serve families; and (iii) the scalability of the Pilot Program necessary to meet child care demands. The Department of Education shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than December 1, 2025.

4. That the provisions of the first and second enactments of this act shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2026 Session of the General Assembly.

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