After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB21-236 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 3, line 1, before "repeal" insert "amend (4)(b); and".

Page 3, strike line 4 and substitute "- created - timeline and criteria - grant awards - definitions. (4) (b) A grant award must range from at least three thousand dollars to no more than fifty TWO HUNDRED thousand dollars. In awarding a grant, the state department shall use the applicant's existing or proposed licensed child care capacity, as well as the applicant's need, as key criteria in determining the amount of the grant award."

Page 3, line 17, strike "EMPLOYER." and substitute "EMPLOYER OR MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS.".

Page 4, strike lines 10 through 12.

Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

Page 5, line 2, strike "PROPERTY;" and substitute "PROPERTY OR A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE LANDLORD EXPRESSING CONSENT TO THE REQUESTED ALTERATIONS;".

Page 5, line 5, after "CHILDHOOD" insert "CARE AND EDUCATION".
Page 6, line 7, strike "FIVE" and substitute "FOUR".

Page 6, line 13, strike "AND".

Page 6, line 15, strike "CAPACITY." and substitute "CAPACITY; AND

(f) APPLICANTS WITH STAFF THAT REPRESENT OR REFLECT THE
LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE FAMILIES LIVING OR
WORKING IN THEIR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS.".

Page 6, line 20, after "CARE," insert "INCLUDING LINGUISTICALLY AND
CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE, ".

Page 7, line 8, after "CHILDREN" insert "AND FAMILIES".

Page 7, strike line 18 and substitute "PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE INDUSTRY
TYPE OF THE ENTITY AND GEOGRAPHIC REGION SERVED BY THE ENTITY.".

Page 7, strike lines 24 and 25.

Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

Page 8, line 12, strike "EDUCATORS" and substitute "EDUCATORS,
INCLUDING QUALIFIED MULTILINGUAL AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT
EDUCATORS, ".

Page 14, line 24, after "HAS" insert "HAD".

Page 14, line 26, after "SYSTEM" insert "DURING THE PAST TWELVE
MONTHS".

Page 17, line 1, strike "NEEDS;" and substitute "NEEDS AND DUAL
LANGUAGE LEARNER CHILDREN; ".

Page 19, line 9, strike "26-6-805" and substitute "26-6-804".

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