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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1575, L.D. 2150,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Child Care and Child
9 Development Training for Student Parents."

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Amend the bill in section 1 in that part
11 designated "§6651." by striking out all of subsections
12 3 to 5 and inserting in their place the following:

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'3. Subsidizable costs under the School Finance
14 Act of 1985. The cost of salaries and educational
15 materials attributable to the child care service shall
16 be calculated on a per-child basis. One hundred
17 percent of the cost per child times the number of
18 children whose parents attend school in the school
19 unit shall be subsidizable as program costs under the
20 School Finance Act of 1985.

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4. Cost to teachers and other employees. A
22 school administrative unit may offer school-based
23 child care services to teachers and other employees of
24 the unit in accordance with a policy established by
25 the local school board which establishes the basis for
26 participation. The school administrative unit shall
27 charge a fee for provision of such services which is
28 at least equal to the per-child cost defined in
29 subsection 3.

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5. Costs to students. There shall be no cost to
31 the student for enrolling a child in a child care

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1 service offered by a school administrative unit if
2 the student has an educational plan, approved by the
3 school unit, leading to academic progress and the
4 attainment of reasonable educational goals.'

5 Further amend the bill in section 4 by striking
6 out all of paragraph F and inserting in its place the
7 following:

8 'F. Starting in 1990-91 for expenditures in base
9 year 1988-89, the cost of child care services as
10 specified in section 6651, subsection 3.'

11 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end
12 before the statement of fact the following:

13 'Sec. 5. Assessment of program; department
14 report. When adopting rules in accordance with this
15 Act, the Department of Educational and Cultural
16 Services shall identify and provide for the collection
17 of specific information which will enable a long-term
18 study and evaluation of this program to be conducted.
19 The department shall report initially on the operation
20 of this Act to the joint standing committee of the
21 Legislature having jurisdiction over education by
22 January 15, 1990.

23 FISCAL NOTE

24 This bill requires additional General Fund
25 appropriations for school subsidies beginning in the
26 fiscal year 1990-91. The amount of additional
27 appropriations required cannot be determined due to
28 the uncertainty of the demand for the services
29 provided in this bill by students and the local
30 discretion in providing those services. The cost of
31 these programs could be reduced by a 70% federal match
32 for those students who are eligible under the Aid to
33 Families with Dependent Children program.'

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 This amendment limits the subsidization of costs
36 to schools for providing child care service through
37 the School Finance Act of 1985 to those costs

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1 associated with providing child care for students
2 enrolled in the school. It requires fees to be
3 charged to cover the costs of providing child care to
4 school employees. The amendment also clarifies that
5 any student, regardless of grade level, would be
6 eligible to use day care services provided by that
7 student's school. Finally, the amendment directs the
8 Department of Educational and Cultural Services to
9 collect data necessary for assessment of the program
10 and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on
11 Education.

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