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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families respectfully submits the following summary of its 2017 interim activities.

The joint committee met three times during the interim to consider issues related to child care and public benefits for families in the State. The meetings were held as follows:

- September 12, 2017 – Hearing: an overview of 2017 session legislation related to committee issue areas, presentation of follow-up information from the January 2017 *Maryland's Child Care Subsidy Program* report;
- October 10, 2017 – Hearing: presentation of child care subsidy (CCS) reports required by legislation passed during the 2017 session, an overview of prekindergarten expansion options and recommendations of the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds; and
- November 7, 2017 – Hearing: a summary of the two-generation approach and activities of the Governor's Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission and Pilot Program, and an interim wrap-up discussion.

The meeting on September 12, 2017, consisted of two presentations by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). The first presentation summarized proposed and enacted legislation from the 2017 session, including fiscal 2018 budget actions, related to the committee's areas of jurisdiction. The second presentation focused on CCS, and provided an update and more detailed information supplemental to the January 2017 *Maryland's Child Care Subsidy Program* report produced by DLS for the committee. This presentation included an explanation of how the federal Child Care Development Fund block grant works, as well as an analysis of Maryland's low provider rates and high family copayments compared to neighboring jurisdictions.

The committee again heard about CCS at its October 10, 2017 meeting. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) presented two reports required by legislation passed

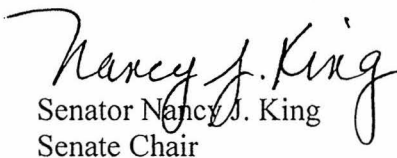
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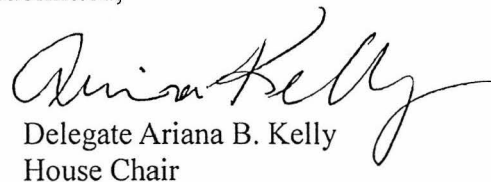
during the 2017 session: one report (required by Chapter 740) identifying that Maryland should implement a hybrid alternative methodology to the market rate survey for setting CCS reimbursement rates; and the other report (required by Chapters 209 and 210) containing a biennial analysis of CCS reimbursement rates. Also at the October meeting, the committee heard a presentation from the Center for American Progress summarizing prekindergarten in Maryland. The presentation included a review of relevant literature; a comparison of prekindergarten in Maryland to prekindergarten in other states; an analysis of current enrollment, capacity, and funding for prekindergarten; an estimate of the costs and benefits to universal prekindergarten; and discussion of funding models for universal prekindergarten.

Finally, the meeting on November 7, 2017, began with a joint briefing with the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on the Governor's Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission. Representatives from the Department of Human Services; the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and Ascend at the Aspen Institute presented information relating to the intergenerational cycle of opportunity for children and families, strategies for implementing a statewide two-generational approach in Maryland, and barriers to implementing such an approach. The meeting concluded with a discussion by committee members on recommendations and potential legislation regarding child care subsidies, expansion of prekindergarten, and changes needed to facilitate implementation of the two-generational approach.

The Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families wishes to thank those individuals who contributed their time and talent during the 2017 interim to inform and advise the joint committee.

Respectfully submitted,


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