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SUPPORT

MEMORANDUM IN

SUPPORT

OF

A.1734 - Clark / S.4079 - Brisport

The CSEA strongly supports this legislation.

This legislation requires local social service districts to increase payments to childcare providers by 15% if they care for a child whose family is experiencing homelessness or a child that requires nontraditional hours of care, such as overnight and weekend hours. This incentive will help encourage more providers to offer care to these populations and create a more robust childcare system in New York.

New York is currently lacking enough providers who offer services to children from homeless families and children that require non-traditional hours of care. While current law allows counties to pay up to a 15% differential, very few do, leading to few providers being willing to offer care for these populations.

Passing this legislation will create a financial incentive to providers to offer care for children in these categories. As the economy evolves and shifts, we need more providers that can offer care that is better tailored to children whose family work overnight and weekend shifts, such as hospitality or health care, and to families currently displaced from their home.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA strongly urges the passage of this legislation.

Respectively submitted,

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