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Thank you,

*Andrea Vorderbruggen*

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Licensed Childcare Centers across the state are still experiencing a shortage of qualified staff to meet the Teacher and Assistant Teacher requirements. Although we are working hard to provide training and the hours to qualify our aids as Assistant teachers, it takes at least a year of training and work experience to obtain. Making this bill permanent would continue to keep the burden of staffing, at the beginning and end of the day, manageable and consistent.

Thank you,

Cassie Stratton  
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