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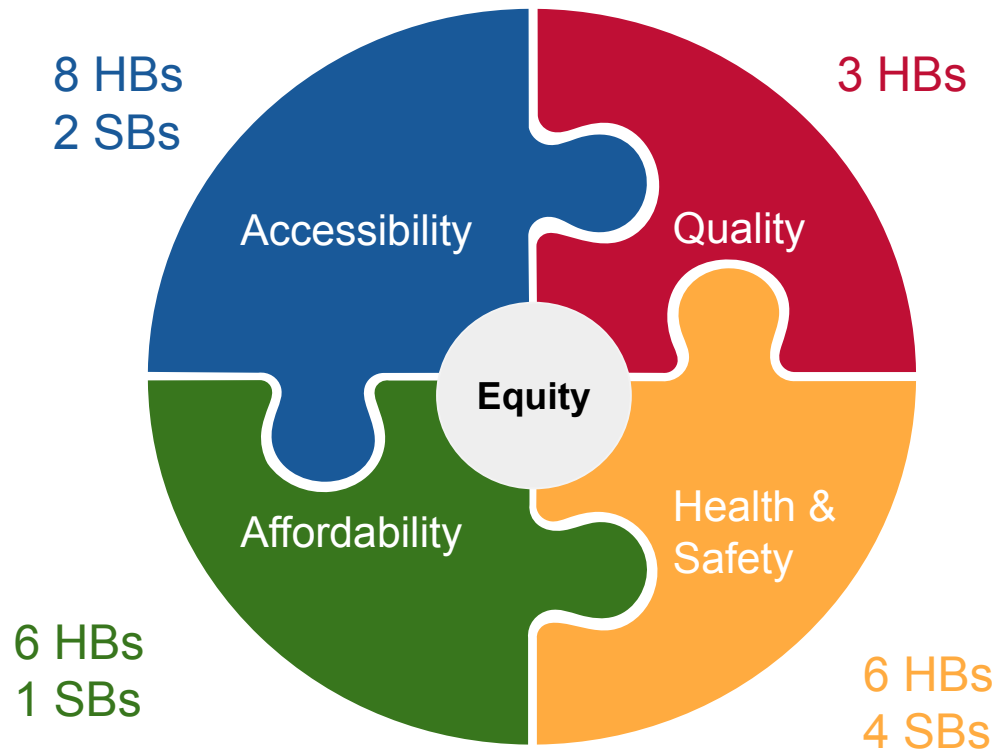
CHILD CARE ISSUE GROUP - LEGISLATIVE ACTION 2024

In 2024, the childcare IG has identified five Legislative Priorities based on our new Position

- 1** Fund investments in various early education programs at sufficient levels to fully meet demand from all eligible families (\$400m)
- 2** Account for growth in demand as supply goes up (\$100m)
- 3** Offer a refundable child tax credit for child care expenses
- 4** Expand the Virginia Preschool Initiative and the Mixed Delivery grants to include full-day programs
- 5** Ensure providers are paid based on children enrolled and at rates commensurate with delivering high-quality care and early education

2024 legislation touches on all of our priorities and also covers other child care elements included in our position

TOTAL: 23 HOUSE BILLS | 7 SENATE BILLS



The League has/is planning to provide testimony on six bills. We will also advocate for several budget amendments



ACCESSIBILITY: HB 627 Makes child care free for employees of licensed child care providers.

Status: 1/29 - Appropriations subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025

SUPPORT



ACCESSIBILITY: HB 408 Establishes an enrollment-based system for child care but reverts back to attendance-based if a child is absent for more than 10 days in a month.

Status: 1/29 - Appropriations subcommittee recommends continuing to 2025

SUPPORT



AFFORDABILITY: HB 419 Establishes and maintains a funding formula for the provision of services to families at early childhood care and education

Status: Passed Education Committee - Referred to Appropriations Committee (1/29)

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AFFORDABILITY: SB 54 Sets the child care funding formula based on quality cost of care, established an educator incentive program, and ensures unspent VPI funds are credited back to the program

Status: Referred to Finance and Appropriations (1/25)

SUPPORT



AFFORDABILITY: HB 969 Creates a tax credit of \$500/child for the years 2024-2028 for families earning a maximum of \$100,000/year

Status: Referred to Committee on Finance

SUPPORT



HEALTH & SAFETY: SB 76 Exempts religious child care centers from licensure requirements

Status: Assigned to Public Education Sub-Committee

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THANK YOU!

