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## It's Past Time to Increase Access to Early Childhood Development Programs

### The BEGIn Act:

Many parents know how difficult and expensive it is to find quality child care in our city. As the father of a toddler, Councilmember Robert White knows it, too. The Bolstering Early Growth Investment Amendment Act of 2017, or the *BEGIn Act*, was inspired by his family's difficulty finding quality child care and discussions with child care providers about how challenging and costly it is for them to operate.

The *BEGIn Act* significantly expands access to early childhood development programs for families across the District, and provides overdue resources to help child development facilities expand and thrive.

### The BEGIn Act Will:

- Increase public investment in infant and toddler development
- Create hundreds of new infant and toddler child care slots
- Expand access to quality child care for low-income families
- Boost the struggling child care business model with additional government grants, and by coordinating shared services like payroll support and bulk purchasing
- Keep talented infant and toddler educators from leaving the profession by increasing salaries
- Include child care providers in government decisions about early childhood development policy and facility regulations



### Take Action:

- Sign up to testify about this bill at <http://bit.do/educationhearings>, or call the Committee on Education at (202) 724-8061 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017
- Call or email Council members to express your support
- Call or email Councilmember Robert White's Legislative Counsel, Breanna Bledsoe, at (202) 724-8174 or [bbledsoe@dccouncil.us](mailto:bbledsoe@dccouncil.us) to get more information on how to testify, how to get involved, or for answers to other questions

### Upcoming Hearing:

The Committee on Education and the Committee on Health will hold a joint public hearing on the *BEGIn Act* to get community input.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Room 412 of the Wilson Building (1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)

