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AUTHORITY: Authorized by Section 1C-2 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5] and implementing Sections 2-3.71 and 2-3.89 of the School Code.

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- a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part to the contrary, during the effect of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation No. 2020-38, currently funded early childhood block grant programs, defined as public school districts and other entities that voluntarily choose to provide care for children of essential workers, as outlined and defined in COVID-19 Executive Order No. 2020-08, may use funds in excess of what is necessary for the program to provide at-home materials for children in the program and to purchase supplies and equipment while caring for children of essential workers. Examples of funds include, but are not limited to, instructional supplies, field trips, professional development, or mental health consultations. Each program that re-allocates funds under this subsection must amend its budget to reflect the new expenditures.

- b) Current early childhood block grant programs may utilize staff to support the caring for children of essential workers based on guidance from their local school boards or authorized officials. The State Board of Education supports the use of early childhood block grant funding to pay staff to care for children of essential workers. This funding may be utilized to pay existing full-time or part-time staff who are paid with early childhood block grant funds. If needed, and if funding allows, part-time staff may increase to working more than part-time to care for children of essential workers.

- c) Each early childhood block grant program that provides care for children of essential workers must comply with the requirements of 89 Ill. Adm. Code 407.Subpart J and nothing in this Section shall be construed to supersede those requirements.

- d) This Section is repealed immediately when the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation is no longer in effect.

(Source: Added by emergency rulemaking at 44 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____, for a maximum of 150 days)