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Representative Matt Gress Applauds State for Taking Action to Help Alleviate Childcare Shortages

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona State Representative Matt Gress today applauded a new executive rulemaking effort that will help alleviate childcare shortages in our state by implementing key parts of Gress' HB 2227.

This effort represents the important bipartisan work that has been done in the Legislature this session to address childcare shortages in Arizona.

Representative Gress has been advancing legislation that he sponsored, [HB 2227](#), to expand childcare opportunities for working families by updating licensing rules for providers that serve school-age children during non-school hours. This change would allow more families access to affordable quality childcare before and after school and during the summer months.

After several weeks of extensive stakeholder meetings, Gress' legislation brought several groups to the table, including the Boys & Girls Club and other local childcare centers, and charted a path forward to a sensible solution.

Both HB 2227 and the new rule would provide more options and create a pathway for eligible families to send their kids to organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs.

“This policy is designed to expand opportunities for Arizona’s working families and provide more options for their children when they are not in school,” Gress said. **“Given the lack of providers for school-age children, it is crucial that we increase the supply of childcare centers to better serve our communities. For parents that qualify for federal subsidy, this effort will help ensure that parents can continue to work and provide for their families. I applaud the Governor for taking action on this important issue.”**

Matt Gress is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 4 in Phoenix. He also serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas. Follow him on Twitter at @MatthewGress.

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