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AGENCIES HIT PROPOSAL

VOLUNTARY child care agencies had come out strongly against the Government proposal to lower the qualification requirements of workers in child care centres, some papers said today, quoting the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

The papers said the agencies felt that a lowering of the qualification for child care workers was a sign of regression and lack of professional insight into the needs of early childhood.

They criticised the arguments presented by the Acting Director of Social Welfare, Mr. Jimmy Sweetman at last week's Legco meeting and said they were "confusing, misleading and lacking in detailed background information," the papers said.