

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 793

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Hoffman” and substitute “Hoffman, Currie, Hogan, McFadden, Middleton, Stone, Ruben, and Van Hollen”; in line 2, after “Early” insert “Child”; in the same line, strike “Centers and Education”; in line 3, strike “Grant”; in line 4, after “Early” insert “Child”; in line 5, strike “Centers and Education”; in the same line, strike “Grant”; strike beginning with “for” in line 5 down through “services” in line 7 and substitute “; providing that the Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget; providing that funds that are allocated to the Program in the State budget may be used for certain purposes; authorizing the Maryland State Department of Education to distribute grants to county boards of education for certain purposes under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to distribute grants to certain private entities for certain purposes under certain circumstances; establishing application procedures for the grants; authorizing the Department to distribute funds to a county board of education for the purpose of implementing a certain early childhood assessment system; establishing certain procedures and requirements relating to administration and evaluation of the Program; requiring that certain funds be appropriated for certain purposes in a certain fiscal year; providing that in a certain fiscal year a certain special fund may be used for a certain purpose”; strike beginning with “designating” in line 7 down through the semicolon in line 14; in line 15, after “Early” insert “Child”; in the same line, strike “Centers and Education”; and in the same line, strike “Grant”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, strike “NATIONAL OR”; in the same line, after the second “AGENCY” insert “OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION”; in line 21, strike “IN” and substitute “THROUGH”; after line 23, insert:

“(5) “EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT” MEANS A GRANT THAT IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.”;

(Over)

in line 24, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”; in line 25, strike “WORKING”; after line 26, insert:

“(7) “JUDY CENTER” MEANS A SITE WHERE COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING SCHOOL READINESS THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.

“(8) “JUDY CENTER GRANT” MEANS A GRANT THAT IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

“(9) “LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD” MEANS A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 49D, § 11 OF THE CODE.”;

and in line 27, strike “(6)” and substitute “(10)”.

On page 3, after line 7, insert:

“(11) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 8, strike “THE” and substitute “(1) THERE IS A”; in the same line, strike “CENTERS AND”; in line 9, strike “EDUCATION”; in the same line, strike “GRANT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED” and substitute “PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.”

“(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS”;

in line 10, strike “THE SUPPORT OF”; in line 11, after “TO” insert “THE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 3 through 5, strike beginning with line 14 on page 3 through line 7 on page 5 and substitute:

“(C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE

BUDGET.

(2) FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET MAY BE USED:

(I) TO COVER THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM;

(II) FOR JUDY CENTER GRANTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

(III) FOR EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(IV) TO FUND THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE A JUDY CENTER GRANT TO A COUNTY BOARD IF THE COUNTY BOARD SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES:

(1) A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY BOARD, THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, AND, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY BOARD, THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE TERMS OF THE COLLABORATION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY BOARD, THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD, INCLUDING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH OF THESE ENTITIES; AND

(II) A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING ONGOING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY EDUCATION

(Over)

PROGRAMS; AND

(2) DOCUMENTATION THAT SHOWS THAT:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE CENTER;

(II) ALL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES THROUGH THE CENTER HAVE VOLUNTARILY OBTAINED ACCREDITATION OR, BY THE DATE OF THE GRANT APPLICATION, HAVE VOLUNTARILY INITIATED AND ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING ACCREDITATION; AND

(III) THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE, FULL-DAY EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.

(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE AN EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT TO A COUNTY BOARD TO BE USED TO PURCHASE EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FROM PROVIDERS THAT HAVE VOLUNTARILY OBTAINED ACCREDITATION OR HAVE VOLUNTARILY INITIATED AND ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING ACCREDITATION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE AN EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT TO A PRIVATE PROVIDER OF EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO BE USED:

(I) TO ASSIST THE PROVIDER IN VOLUNTARILY OBTAINING ACCREDITATION; OR

(II) FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES LEADING TO INCREASED COMPETENCY AND APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING THAT IS RELATED TO EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO A COUNTY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING JUDY CENTER GRANTS AND EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION;

(II) SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(III) EVALUATE WHETHER GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE MEETING ANNUAL BENCHMARKS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) FOR JUDY CENTER GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD MULTIYEAR FUNDING.

(H) A COUNTY BOARD THAT IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A JUDY CENTER GRANT OR AN EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE GRANT AWARD;

(2) SUBMIT FISCAL AND PROGRAM REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(3) COORDINATE THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS IN ANY EVALUATION PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 9, after “ANY” insert “SERVICES PROVIDED BY”; in line 10, strike “PROGRAM OR SERVICE” and substitute “AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS”; in lines 14 and 15, strike “THE COLLABORATIONS” and substitute “:

(1) THE JUDY CENTERS; AND

(2) EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS”;

in line 16, after “AND” insert “, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,”; in lines 18 and 19, strike “DESCRIBING THE PROGRESS AND THE EXPENDITURES OF THE FUND” and substitute “ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM’S EXPENDITURES”; in line 20, strike “EVALUATING” and substitute “THAT INCLUDES AN EVALUATION, BASED ON OBJECTIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF”; strike beginning with the second “THE” in line 21 through “CRITERIA” in line 22 and substitute “:

(I) THE JUDY CENTERS; AND

(II) EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS”;

in line 23, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”; strike beginning with “TO” in line 23 through the second “PROGRAMS” in line 25 and substitute “AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, strike beginning with “\$8 million” in line 27 through “Act” in line 28 and substitute “the following appropriations in the fiscal year 2001 budget of the Maryland State Department of Education to fund the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program established under this Act: (1) \$4,000,000 for Judy Center Grants; (2) \$1,000,000 for Early

Child Care and Education Enhancement Grants to be awarded to providers of early child care and education services who have voluntarily obtained accreditation or have voluntarily initiated and are actively pursuing accreditation; (3) \$1,300,000 for statewide implementation of the Department's early childhood assessment system; and (4) \$700,000 to cover the costs incurred by the Department in implementing the Program.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-317(d) and (g) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in fiscal year 2001, the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may be used to fund implementation of the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program established under this Act. In fiscal year 2001, the Governor may transfer funds by budget amendment from the Cigarette Restitution Fund to the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of funding the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program in the amounts specified under Section 2 of this Act”;

and in line 29, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.