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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Maryland’s Preschool for All Business Plan – Final Report**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to consult with and
5 accept comments from certain county superintendents and certain local
6 governing bodies regarding the Maryland’s Preschool for All Business Plan
7 before preparing and publishing a certain version of a certain Business Plan;
8 requiring the Department to submit to the Governor and General Assembly a
9 copy of a certain report that includes certain information on or before a certain
10 date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to final report requirements
11 for the Maryland’s Preschool for All Business Plan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) “Business Plan” means the Maryland’s Preschool for All Business
16 Plan: A Draft Proposal published by the State Department of Education in September
17 2008.

18 (3) “County superintendents” includes the Chief Executive Officer of
19 the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

20 (4) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

21 (b) The Department shall consult with and accept comments from county
22 superintendents and local governing bodies regarding the contents, costs, and staged
23 implementation of the draft Business Plan before preparing and publishing a final
24 version of the Business Plan.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) On or before December 1, 2009, the Department shall submit to the
2 Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
3 General Assembly, a copy of the finalized Business Plan that includes:

4 (1) any feedback and comments from county superintendents and local
5 governing bodies under subsection (b) of this section;

6 (2) a cost projection for the staged implementation of the finalized
7 Business Plan;

8 (3) an evaluation of the State's mandated pre-Kindergarten income
9 eligibility level;

10 (4) a comparison of income eligibility levels for preschool services in
11 Maryland and other states;

12 (5) the feasibility of expanding the State's mandated income eligibility
13 levels for preschool services, utilizing all available funding sources;

14 (6) the level of participation in preschool services by the eligible
15 population in the State; and

16 (7) the level of demand for access to preschool services by the
17 noneligible population in the State.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2009.