

SENATE BILL 234

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CHAPTER _____

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; prohibiting the Department from implementing the finalized Business
11 Plan unless the Department identifies a certain funding source; defining certain
12 terms; and generally relating to final report requirements for the Maryland’s
13 Preschool for All Business Plan.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

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

17 (2) “Business Plan” means the Maryland’s Preschool for All Business
18 Plan: A Draft Proposal published by the State Department of Education in September
19 2008.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (4) "Department" means the State Department of Education.

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

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

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

11 (2) a cost projection for the staged implementation of the finalized
12 Business Plan;

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

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

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

19 (6) the feasibility of and a cost projection for identifying
20 pre-Kindergarten students attending public schools as enrolled students under §
21 5-202(a)(6) of the Education Article;

22 ~~(6)~~ (7) the level of participation in preschool services by the eligible
23 population in the State; and

24 ~~(7)~~ (8) the level of demand for access to preschool services by the
25 noneligible population in the State.

26 (d) The Department may not implement the finalized Business Plan until the
27 Department has identified an on-going funding source.

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