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Ways and Means

(Delegate Hucker, *et al.*)

Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program - Annual Report

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to include in its annual report on the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program specified information on participating agencies and programs. The annual report must provide a description of participating agencies' and programs' expenditures, enrollment, and statewide performance data, including school readiness data disaggregated by program and by jurisdiction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MSDE can handle any changes to the annual report using existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In its annual report on the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program, MSDE must include information on the implementation of the program and a description of the program's expenditures. The report is due by January 1 annually.

Background: Chapter 680 of 2000 established the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program to promote school readiness through developing and expanding high quality, comprehensive, full-day early child care and education programs

and family support services. Grants are provided to participating agencies and programs that have voluntarily obtained accreditation or that have voluntarily initiated and are actively pursuing accreditation. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2011 budget includes \$10.6 million for the program.

Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Family Education Centers, or "Judy Centers," provide access to early childhood education and family support programs located at or near Title I schools. Typically, educational opportunities and support services are available 7 to 12 hours a day, year round. Judy Centers also offer many different services for families in one location.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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