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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Program for Targeted Incentive Grants for Family Supported Early**  
3 **Childhood Education - Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Program for Targeted Incentive Grants for  
5 Family Supported Early Childhood Education; defining certain terms;  
6 designating the Office for Children, Youth, and Families as the agency  
7 supervising the Program; establishing application procedures for the Program;  
8 requiring a proposal to include a certain program; requiring a proposal to have  
9 as a major focus the development of certain skills; requiring a proposal to  
10 promote a family's interest in a child's education; requiring applicants to model  
11 proposals after programs already shown to work; requiring the Office for  
12 Children, Youth, and Families to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office  
13 for Children, Youth, and Families to submit certain reports; prohibiting grants  
14 under this Act from supplanting certain other funding for compensatory  
15 education programs; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the  
16 annual budget to fund the Program; and generally relating to establishing the  
17 Program for Targeted Incentive Grants for Family Supported Early Childhood  
18 Education.

19 BY adding to  
20 Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families  
21 Section 12  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families**

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "APPLICANT" MEANS A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, BOARD, SCHOOL, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER QUALIFIED PARTY THAT SUBMITS A PROPOSAL UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) "BOARD" MEANS A LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD AS DEFINED IN § 4.2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS A PROPOSAL SELECTED BY THE OFFICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

(5) "HOME VISITING ARRANGEMENT" MEANS A REQUIRED SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE FAMILY'S HOME OR ANOTHER AGREED ON SETTING BETWEEN THE FAMILY OF A CHILD IN A GRANT PROGRAM AND TEACHERS OR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

(I) ADAPTING THE GRANT PROGRAM TO THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD;

(II) ESTABLISHING REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CHILD'S PERFORMANCE AT EACH STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT;

(III) DEMONSTRATING APPROPRIATE LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH A FAMILY AND CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE TOGETHER; AND

(IV) REPORTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD.

(6) "LOW INCOME FAMILY" MEANS A FAMILY WITH CHILDREN THAT IS AT OR BELOW 185% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

(7) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(8) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM FOR TARGETED INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR FAMILY SUPPORTED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

(9) "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORM" MEANS A DOCUMENT DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SUBCABINET OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, THAT A BOARD USES TO RECOMMEND AND EVALUATE PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM GRANTS.

(B) (1) THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR TARGETED INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR FAMILY SUPPORTED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 6.

1 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE PROGRAM.

2 (C) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORMS  
3 TO THE BOARD.

4 (2) THE BOARD SHALL:

5 (I) DISTRIBUTE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORMS TO  
6 INTERESTED APPLICANTS;

7 (II) COLLECT THE COMPLETED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORMS  
8 FROM INTERESTED APPLICANTS;

9 (III) EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS; AND

10 (IV) RECOMMEND TO THE OFFICE THE PROPOSALS THE BOARD  
11 DETERMINES TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE.

12 (3) THE OFFICE SHALL SELECT THE PROPOSALS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

13 (4) GRANT PROGRAMS SHALL:

14 (I) INCLUDE A HOME VISITING ARRANGEMENT;

15 (II) INCLUDE AS A FOCUS THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE AND  
16 READING SKILLS;

17 (III) PROMOTE LONG-TERM FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN A CHILD'S  
18 EDUCATION;

19 (IV) BE MODELED AFTER PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN  
20 DEMONSTRATED TO BE EFFECTIVE; AND

21 (V) CONTAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA THAT INCLUDE SPECIFIC  
22 OUTCOME MEASURES OF COGNITIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT.

23 (D) THE OFFICE SHALL:

24 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
25 THIS SECTION;

26 (2) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
27 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF  
28 EACH YEAR A REPORT DESCRIBING THE GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE PROGRAM'S  
29 PROGRESS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND

30 (3) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
31 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2002, A  
32 SEPARATE REPORT EVALUATING THE PROGRAMS' PROGRESS BASED ON THE  
33 EVALUATION CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (C)(4)(V) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (E) GRANTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT  
2 EXISTING FUNDING FOR COMPENSATORY EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AS DEFINED IN §  
3 5-202(E) OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

4 (F) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AT LEAST  
5 \$6,000,000 FOR TARGETED GRANTS FOR FAMILY SUPPORTED EARLY CHILDHOOD  
6 EDUCATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 1998.