
By: **Delegate Shriver**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Early Child Care and Education Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain appropriations be included in the State
4 budget for a certain fiscal year for the Maryland State Department of Education
5 for certain early child care and education services; and generally relating to
6 funding for certain early child care and education services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Chapter 680 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
9 Section 2

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

12 **Chapter 680 of the Acts of 2000**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall:

14 (A) include the following appropriations in the fiscal year 2001 budget of the
15 Maryland State Department of Education to fund the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child
16 Care and Education Enhancement Program established under this Act:

17 (1) \$4,000,000 for Judy Center Grants;

18 (2) \$1,000,000 for Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Grants
19 to be awarded to providers of early child care and education services who have
20 voluntarily obtained accreditation or have voluntarily initiated and are actively
21 pursuing accreditation;

22 (3) \$1,300,000 for statewide implementation of the Department's early
23 childhood assessment system; and

24 (4) \$700,000 to cover the costs incurred by the Department in
25 implementing the Program; AND

1 (B) INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2002
2 BUDGET OF THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FUND THE
3 JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
4 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT:

5 (1) \$4,000,000 FOR JUDY CENTER GRANTS;

6 (2) \$1,900,000 FOR EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT
7 GRANTS TO BE AWARDED TO PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION
8 WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY OBTAINED ACCREDITATION;

9 (3) \$1,100,000 FOR EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT
10 GRANTS TO BE AWARDED TO COUNTY BOARDS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE EARLY
11 CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FROM
12 PROVIDERS THAT HAVE VOLUNTARILY OBTAINED ACCREDITATION OR THAT HAVE
13 VOLUNTARILY INITIATED AND ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING ACCREDITATION; AND

14 (4) \$1,000,000 FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE
15 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES LEADING TO INCREASED
16 COMPETENCY AND APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING THAT IS RELATED TO EARLY
17 CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2001.