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House Bill 1217 (Delegate Shriver)
 Appropriations

Education - Early Child Care and Education Services

This bill requires the Governor to include \$8 million in the fiscal 2002 State budget for the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program. Of this amount, \$4 million is for Judy Center grants; \$1.9 million is for early child care and education enhancement grants to be awarded to providers of early child care and education programs that have voluntarily obtained accreditation; \$1.1 million is for early child care and education enhancement grants to be awarded to local school systems; and \$1 million is for institutions of higher education to provide professional development activities leading to increased competency and appropriate credentialing for early child care and education services.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State expenditures would increase by \$2 million in FY 2002 only. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	2,000,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: State funding for the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program is set annually in the State budget.

Background: During the 2000 session, the General Assembly adopted legislation (HB 1249/Ch. 680) establishing the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program to provide financial support for the establishment of centers that provide full-day, comprehensive, early education programs and family support services that will assist in preparing children to enter school ready to learn. This program also provides funding to support voluntary accreditation of early child care centers, professional development of early childhood educators, and statewide implementation of an early childhood assessment system.

The legislation required the Governor to include \$7 million in the fiscal 2001 State budget for the program. Of this amount, \$4 million is for Judy Center grants; \$1 million is for early child care and education enhancement grants to be awarded to providers of early child care and education programs that have voluntarily obtained accreditation or actively seeking accreditation; \$1.3 million is for statewide implementation of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) early childhood assessment systems; and \$700,000 is for administrative costs within MSDE. The \$7 million in funding required under the legislation was included in the fiscal 2001 State budget.

State Fiscal Effect: The proposed fiscal 2002 State budget includes \$12 million for this program: \$8 million for Judy Center grants; \$2 million for accreditation and enhancement grants; \$1.3 million for the Maryland Model for School Readiness; and \$700,000 for administrative costs within MSDE.

Pursuant to this legislation, the Governor must include \$8 million in funding for this program. While the proposed fiscal 2002 State budget includes more funding than this legislation requires, an additional \$2 million in State funding would be needed to cover the initiatives specified in this legislation that are not funded in the proposed State budget. These initiatives include \$1 million in additional funding for early child care and education enhancement grants and \$1 million for institutions of higher education to implement professional development activities. **Exhibit 1** compares the amount of funding required under this legislation with the amount of funding included in the proposed fiscal 2002 State budget.

Exhibit 1
State Funding for the Judith P. Hoyer Program
(\$ in Millions)

Programs	HB 1217 Funding	Proposed FY 2002 State Budget	Additional Funding
Judy Center Grants	\$4.0	\$8.0	\$0
Early Child Care/ Education Enhancement	\$3.0	\$2.0	\$1.0
Higher Education Grants	\$1.0	\$0	\$1.0
School Readiness (MMSR)	\$0	\$1.3	\$0
Administration - MSDE	\$0	\$0.7	\$0
Total Funding	\$8.0	\$12.0	\$2.0

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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