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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1319

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "and Weir" and substitute "Weir, Bartlett, Elmore, Ivey, Kaiser, Rice, Serafini, and Stukes"; in line 5, after "programs;" insert "requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to determine and certify to the Governor and the General Assembly the amount of funding needed for the State to fully fund certain costs; providing that the inclusion of certain children in certain publicly funded prekindergarten programs is contingent on certain funds being appropriated in the State budget;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, after "INCLUDES" insert "A CHILD:

1. WHO IS 4 YEARS OLD ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SEEKS TO ENROLL THE CHILD IN A PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM;

2. WHO IS NOT FROM AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND BUT WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 300 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY LEVEL; AND

3. WHO IS THE CHILD OF";

in lines 7 and 11, strike "1." and "2.", respectively, and substitute "A." and "B.", respectively; in lines 7 and 11, in each instance, strike "THE CHILD OF"; in line 7, strike "AN" and substitute "AN"; in line 11, strike "A" and substitute "A"; in lines 8 and 12, in each instance, strike "STATE" and substitute "STATE"; strike in their

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entirety lines 18 through 20, inclusive; in line 21, after "(b)" insert "(1)"; in the same line, strike "By" and substitute "SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BY"; after line 23, insert:

- "(2) (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SHALL:
- 1. DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE STATE TO FULLY FUND THE COST OF INCLUSION OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION IN THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND
- 2. <u>CERTIFY THAT AMOUNT TO THE GOVERNOR AND,</u> SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- (II) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE INCLUSION OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION IN THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS CONTINGENT ON THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE COST OF INCLUDING THE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAMS AS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.";

and strike beginning with "A" in line 27 down through "UNDER" in line 29 and substitute "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, AN ELIGIBLE CHILD DESCRIBED IN".