

HOUSE BILL 184

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ENROLLED BILL

—*Ways and Means / Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*—

Introduced by **Delegates Hucker, Hixson, Kaiser, Ali, Gilchrist, Ivey, Myers, Olszewski, Rice, and Ross**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Maryland’s Preschool for All Business Plan – Final Report**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to consult with and
5 accept comments from certain county superintendents and certain local
6 governing bodies regarding the Maryland’s Preschool for All Business Plan
7 before preparing and publishing a certain version of a certain Business Plan;
8 requiring the Department to submit to the Governor and General Assembly a
9 copy of a certain report that includes certain information on or before a certain
10 date; prohibiting the Department from implementing the finalized Business Plan
11 unless the Department identifies a certain funding source; defining certain
12 terms; and generally relating to final report requirements for the Maryland’s
13 Preschool for All Business Plan.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) "Business Plan" means the Maryland's Preschool for All Business
5 Plan: A Draft Proposal published by the State Department of Education in September
6 2008.

7 (3) "County superintendents" includes the Chief Executive Officer of
8 the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

9 (4) "Department" means the State Department of Education.

10 (b) The Department shall consult with and accept comments from county
11 superintendents and local governing bodies regarding the contents, costs, and staged
12 implementation of the draft Business Plan before preparing and publishing a final
13 version of the Business Plan.

14 (c) On or before December 1, 2009, the Department shall submit to the
15 Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
16 General Assembly, a copy of the finalized Business Plan that includes:

17 (1) any feedback and comments from county superintendents and local
18 governing bodies under subsection (b) of this section;

19 (2) a cost projection for the staged implementation of the finalized
20 Business Plan;

21 (3) an evaluation of the State's mandated pre-Kindergarten income
22 eligibility level;

23 (4) a comparison of income eligibility levels for preschool services in
24 Maryland and other states;

25 (5) the feasibility of expanding the State's mandated income eligibility
26 levels for preschool services, utilizing all available funding sources;

27 (6) the feasibility of and a cost projection for identifying
28 pre-Kindergarten students attending public schools as enrolled students under §
29 5-202(a)(6) of the Education Article;

30 ~~(6)~~ (7) the level of participation in preschool services by the eligible
31 population in the State; and

1 ~~(7)~~ (8) the level of demand for access to preschool services by the
2 noneligible population in the State.

3 (d) The Department may not implement the finalized Business Plan until the
4 Department has identified an on-going funding source.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.