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Raised Bill No. 155

LCO No. 1021

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

***An Act Concerning Funding For Full-Day Kindergarten In
Priority School Districts.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and
2 each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall
3 provide grants, within available appropriations, to local and regional
4 boards of education designated as priority school districts pursuant to
5 subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes, as amended, to
6 assist such school districts to provide full-day kindergarten in the
7 schools under their jurisdiction. Eligibility for the grants shall be
8 determined for a five-year period based on a school district's
9 designation as a priority school district for the initial year of
10 application. In order to receive a grant, an eligible board of education
11 shall submit, at such time as the commissioner prescribes, a plan for
12 the expenditure of grant funds that meets the requirements of
13 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-265f of the general
14 statutes. Full-day kindergarten programs that receive funding
15 pursuant to this section shall comply with the provisions of
16 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-265f of the general

17 statutes.

18 (b) The Department of Education may retain up to one per cent of
19 the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination,
20 program evaluation and administration.

21 (c) No funds received pursuant to this section shall be used to
22 supplant federal, state or local funding to the local or regional board of
23 education for full-day kindergarten programs.

24 (d) Expenditure reports shall be filed with the Department of
25 Education as requested by the commissioner. School districts shall
26 refund (1) any unexpended amounts at the close of the program for
27 which the grant was awarded, and (2) any amounts not expended in
28 accordance with the approved grant application.

29 Sec. 2. The sum of eleven million dollars is appropriated from the
30 General Fund to the Department of Education, for the fiscal year
31 ending June 30, 2000. Such funds shall not lapse and shall be available
32 for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for grants
33 to priority school districts for portable classrooms for additional full-
34 day kindergarten programs.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage except that section 1
36 shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a grant program for full-day kindergarten programs in priority school districts. To use some of the surplus to fund portable classrooms for full-day kindergarten programs in priority school districts.