



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5723

LCO No. 3044

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services
3 and the Executive Director of the Commission on Children, shall
4 establish an after school committee to develop a comprehensive after
5 school plan for a coordinated, cost effective state-wide system of after
6 school programs.

7 (b) The after school committee shall be appointed jointly by said
8 commissioners and executive director and shall include, but not be
9 limited to, persons having expertise in after school programs, after
10 school program providers, local elected officials, members of
11 community agencies, members of the business community and
12 professional educators.

13 (c) The after school plan shall include, but not be limited to, the
14 following: (1) Identification of existing state, federal and private
15 resources to support and sustain after school programs; (2) methods
16 and practices to enhance coordination and goal setting among state

17 agencies to achieve efficiencies with respect to after school programs;
18 (3) identification of best practices, development of curriculum and
19 establishment of appropriate guidelines for age appropriate after
20 school programs; (4) methods of encouraging community based
21 providers reflective of diverse neighborhoods and populations; (5)
22 development of guidelines for outcome measures based on child and
23 youth development principles; (6) professional development and joint
24 training to maximize efficiency and expertise; (7) establishment of state
25 and local partnerships to plan for and implement a comprehensive
26 approach to serving children and youth in out of school time hours; (8)
27 establishment of specific long and short term goals and a timetable to
28 implement the plan; (9) measures to address barriers to after school
29 programs; and (10) a private and public governance structure that
30 ensures sustainability for after school programs.

31 (d) The Commissioner of Education may seek and accept funding
32 from private organizations to implement the provisions of this section.

33 (e) The after school committee shall report, in accordance with
34 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the plan developed pursuant to
35 this section to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a state-wide after school system through enhanced agency coordination, maximization of public and private funding and community partnerships.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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