



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 compile information on cost-
5 effective after school programs.

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

12 (c) The after school program review shall include, but not be limited
13 to, the following: (1) Identification of existing state, federal and private
14 resources to support and sustain after school programs; (2) methods
15 and practices to enhance coordination and goal setting among state
16 agencies to achieve efficiencies and to encourage training and local
17 technical assistance with respect to after school programs; (3)
18 identification of best practices; (4) methods of encouraging community
19 based providers reflective of diverse neighborhoods and populations;
20 (5) professional development and joint training to maximize efficiency

21 and expertise; (6) establishment of specific long and short term goals
22 and a timetable to implement the plan; (7) measures to address barriers
23 to after school programs; and (8) a private and public governance
24 structure that ensures sustainability for after school programs.

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

27 (e) The after school committee shall report, in accordance with
28 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the program review developed
29 pursuant to this section to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.

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

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