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"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before May 1, 2004,
4 and biennially thereafter, the Commissioner of Education, in
5 consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the school
6 readiness councils, as specified in section 7 of public act 00-187, shall
7 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
8 statutes, on school readiness capacity and financing in the areas of
9 supply, quality and facilities to the joint standing committee of the
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

11 Sec. 502. Section 10-226h of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

13 (a) A local or regional board of education for purposes of
14 subdivision (3) of section 10-4a, may offer such programs or use such
15 methods as: (1) Interdistrict magnet school programs; (2) charter

16 schools; (3) interdistrict after-school, Saturday and summer programs
17 and sister-school projects; (4) intradistrict and interdistrict public
18 school choice programs; (5) interdistrict school building projects; (6)
19 interdistrict program collaboratives for students and staff; (7) distance
20 learning through the use of technology; ~~(8) preschool programs;~~ and
21 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) any other experience that increases awareness of the diversity
22 of individuals and cultures.

23 (b) Each local and regional board of education shall report by July 1,
24 2000, and biennially thereafter, to the regional educational service
25 center for its area on the programs and activities undertaken in its
26 school district to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation,
27 including (1) information on the number and duration of such
28 programs and activities and the number of students and staff involved,
29 and (2) evidence of the progress over time in the reduction of racial,
30 ethnic and economic isolation.

31 (c) Each regional educational service center shall report by October
32 1, 2000, and biennially thereafter, to the Commissioner of Education on
33 the programs and activities undertaken in its region to reduce racial,
34 ethnic and economic isolation.

35 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall report, by January 1, 1999,
36 and biennially thereafter, in accordance with section 10-4a, to the
37 Governor and the General Assembly on activities and programs
38 designed to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. The report
39 shall include statistics on any growth in such programs or expansion of
40 such activities over time, from preschool and kindergarten through
41 grade twelve, inclusive, an analysis of the success of such programs
42 and activities in reducing racial, ethnic and economic isolation, a
43 recommendation for any statutory changes that would assist in the
44 expansion of such programs and activities and the sufficiency of the
45 annual grant pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10-266aa and
46 whether additional financial incentives would improve the program
47 established pursuant to section 10-266aa."