



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS OF AGE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Retardation, in conjunction with the Commissioners of Public Health
3 and Social Services, shall identify existing services and sources of
4 funding for pregnant women and for families with children from birth
5 to three years of age. The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall
6 make recommendations regarding expansion of such existing services
7 and sources of funding, to include children who are at risk for
8 developmental delays due to environmental factors. Such
9 recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1)
10 Best practices to ensure pregnancy health, nutritious diets for infants
11 and young children and access to comprehensive primary and
12 preventive health care, (2) potential sources of state and federal
13 funding for pregnant women and for families with children from birth
14 to three years of age, (3) strategies for improving the health and
15 development of children from birth to three years of age by increasing
16 access to state and federal programs, including health insurance

17 programs, through the integration of health care and health promotion
18 into early childhood programs, and (4) recommendations for
19 improving access to existing educational services for children from
20 birth to three years of age.

21 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall report
22 recommendations made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in
23 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Secretary
24 of the Office of Policy and Management, the State Prevention Council,
25 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
26 cognizance of matters relating to public health and the environment
27 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having
28 cognizance of matters relating to children not later than January 1,
29 2005.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To improve outcomes for children from birth to three years of age who are at risk for developmental delays due to environmental factors.

[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.]