



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 345

February Session, 2004

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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL READINESS AND THE EVEN START PROGRAM AND THE COSTS FOR UNIVERSAL SCHOOL READINESS IN PRIORITY DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Each local and regional board of
2 education for a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266 of the
3 general statutes, as amended, shall determine the costs of providing
4 slots in school readiness programs pursuant to section 10-16p of the
5 general statutes, as amended, for all children three and four years of
6 age residing within the district. No later than January 1, 2005, such
7 local and regional boards of education shall report, in accordance with
8 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, its findings to
9 the Department of Education and to the joint standing committee of
10 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
11 education.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,
13 the sum of \$11,745,032 received by the state of Connecticut, from the
14 federal government, for the temporary assistance for needy families
15 high performance bonus payments for welfare to work, is
16 appropriated to the Department of Education for the purposes of (1)
17 providing spaces for (A) eligible children in accredited or approved
18 school readiness programs, and (B) eligible participants in the William
19 F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program, and (2) professional

20 development for staff of such programs.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

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