



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5517***

LCO No. 518

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) For the school year  
2 commencing in 2007, and for each school year thereafter, each town, in  
3 cooperation with its local or regional board of education, shall provide  
4 spaces in preschool programs for all four year olds who reside in such  
5 town and who are not participants in the school readiness program  
6 established pursuant to section 10-16p of the 2006 supplement to the  
7 general statutes.

8 (b) For the school year commencing in 2009, and for each school  
9 year thereafter, each town, in cooperation with its local or regional  
10 board of education, shall provide spaces in preschool programs for all  
11 three year olds who reside in such town and who are not participants  
12 in the school readiness program established pursuant to said section  
13 10-16p.

14 (c) The Department of Education shall develop standards for  
15 preschool programs pursuant to this section that require the same level  
16 of instruction as the school readiness program established pursuant to

17 said section 10-16p, except that preschool programs provided pursuant  
18 to this section shall be at least two and one-half hours per day for at  
19 least one hundred eighty days per year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require school districts to offer preschool to all three and four year olds.

*[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.]*