



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7136

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AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO MATCH FEDERAL AND PRIVATE DOLLARS TO PROMOTE EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY IN THE PEDIATRIC CARE SETTING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of
2 Education shall develop and administer a grant program to match
3 available federal and private funds that promote the development of
4 early childhood literacy and make early literacy a standard part of
5 pediatric primary care through childhood literacy programs in health
6 care settings. Grant funds provided pursuant to this section shall be
7 used by pediatric care providers for: (1) The promotion of early
8 literacy during well-child visits for children six months to five years of
9 age in the health care clinic or office setting; (2) the purchase of new,
10 developmentally appropriate books to be distributed at well-child
11 visits; (3) training for new pediatric care providers in early childhood
12 literacy and to keep pediatric care providers proficient in strategies to
13 promote early literacy in all children; and (4) transforming health care
14 clinics and office waiting rooms into an environment that encourages
15 literacy through volunteer readers and other opportunities for children
16 to be surrounded by oral language, books or print. A pediatric care
17 provider may apply for a grant pursuant to this section at such time
18 and in such manner as the Commissioner of Education prescribes. For
19 purposes of this section, "pediatric care provider" means a physician

20 licensed under chapter 370 of the general statutes, who provides
21 pediatric care and registered nurses, practical nurses and advanced
22 practice registered nurses licensed under chapter 378 of the general
23 statutes, who provide pediatric care.

24 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred ninety
25 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from
26 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the
27 purposes of section 1 of this act.

28 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two hundred thirty-three
29 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from
30 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the
31 purposes of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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