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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING MODEL EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-265j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 The Commissioner of Education shall establish two [pilot] model
4 early childhood learning programs associated with institutions of
5 higher education. [The pilot programs shall be established in priority
6 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p or transitional school
7 districts. One program shall be in a municipality with a population of
8 fifty to one hundred thousand, inclusive, and one program shall be in a
9 municipality with a population over one hundred thousand.] Each
10 [pilot] program may include a laboratory school and a model day care
11 program that serves sixty children ages three to five. Eligibility shall be
12 determined for a five-year period. Grant awards shall be made
13 annually during the five-year eligibility period, contingent upon
14 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The
15 Department of Education shall issue a request for proposals for the
16 [pilot] programs. The commissioner shall provide grants in the amount

17 of one hundred thousand dollars each for purposes of such [pilot]
18 programs. The grants shall be provided from the amount appropriated
19 for purposes of section 10-265f.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 10-265f of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
22 *1, 2007*):

23 (e) (1) The [pilot] model programs established pursuant to section
24 10-265j, as amended by this act, shall be funded from the amount
25 appropriated for purposes of this section. The department shall use
26 ninety per cent of the remaining funds appropriated for purposes of
27 this section for grants to priority school districts. Priority school
28 districts shall receive grants based on their proportional share of the
29 sum of the products obtained by multiplying the number of enrolled
30 kindergarten students in each priority school district for the year prior
31 to the year the grant is to be paid, by the ratio of the average
32 percentage of free and reduced price meals for all severe need schools
33 in such district to the minimum percentage requirement for severe
34 need school eligibility. (2) The department shall use nine per cent of
35 such remaining funds for competitive grants to school districts in
36 which a priority elementary school is located. In awarding grants to
37 school districts in which priority elementary schools are located, the
38 department shall consider the town wealth, as defined in subdivision
39 (26) of section 10-262f, of the town in which the school district is
40 located, or in the case of regional school districts, the towns which
41 comprise the regional school district. Grants received by school
42 districts in which priority elementary schools are located shall not
43 exceed one hundred thousand dollars and shall be used for the
44 appropriate purpose at the priority elementary school. (3) The
45 department may retain up to one per cent of such remaining funds for
46 coordination, program evaluation and administration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-265j
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-265f(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the pilot early childhood learning grant program to eliminate some of the grant eligibility limitations and add that the programs be eligible for five years and associated with institutions of higher education.

[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.]