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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOL
READINESS PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-16p of the
2 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
5 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
6 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
7 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
8 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
9 Services, unless the context otherwise requires.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the 2008 supplement to the
11 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
12 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

13 (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
14 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
15 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six

16 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.

17 (2) For fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the per child cost of the
18 Department of Education school readiness component of the program
19 offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six thousand
20 nine hundred twenty-five dollars, except that such per child cost shall
21 be increased for the month of January, 2008, and each month
22 thereafter. The increase shall be determined by the department so that
23 the cost of the increase shall equal fifty per cent of what the
24 department estimates on January 1, 2008, will be unspent by June 30,
25 2008, from the appropriation for purposes of subsection (c) of section
26 10-16p of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. In no event shall
27 such increase cause the per child cost to exceed eight thousand two
28 hundred sixty-six dollars.

29 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-
30 16p of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, the Department of
31 Education shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider
32 that (A) on or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a
33 town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and
34 is not accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first
35 entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness
36 services pursuant to this section and does not become accredited by
37 the date three years after the date on which the provider first entered
38 into such a contract, except that the Commissioner of Education may
39 grant an extension of time for a school readiness program to become
40 accredited or reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the
41 Department of Education conducts an on-site assessment of any such
42 program and maintains a report of such assessment completed in a
43 uniform manner, as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a
44 list of conditions such program must fulfill to become accredited or
45 reaccredited, (ii) the program is licensed by the Department of Public
46 Health, (iii) the program has a corrective action plan that shall be
47 prescribed by and monitored by the Commissioner of Education, and
48 (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may be prescribed by

49 the commissioner. During the period of such extension, such program
50 shall be eligible for funding pursuant to said section 10-16p, as
51 amended by this act.

52 [(3)] (4) A school readiness provider may provide child day care
53 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject
54 to such per child cost limitation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	10-16p(a)(5)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	10-16q(b)

ED *Joint Favorable*