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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
CREDENTIALING FOR SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS FOR
2015."**

1 Strike subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 1 and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
4 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may use
5 such unexpended funds to support local school readiness programs in
6 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraph (B) of
7 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The local school
8 readiness programs shall use any such funds to provide assistance to
9 staff for the cost of higher education courses leading to an associate's
10 degree or a bachelor's degree. Local school readiness programs shall
11 apply for such unexpended funds in such program's application for a

12 school readiness grant pursuant to this section. The commissioner shall
13 determine how such unexpended funds shall be distributed and shall
14 require each staff person as a condition of receiving assistance from a
15 school readiness programs pursuant to this subdivision to obtain an
16 associate's or bachelor's degree to be employed in a position related to
17 early child education or child development in the state for three years
18 after receiving such associate's degree or bachelor's degree. If such staff
19 person is not employed in a position related to early child education or
20 child development in the state for three years, such staff person shall
21 repay the amount such staff person received to the Department of
22 Education as follows: (i) If the staff person is not employed in a
23 position related to early child education or child development in the
24 state or is so employed for less than one year, one hundred per cent;
25 and (ii) if the staff person is so employed for at least one year, but less
26 than three years, fifty per cent. The department shall use any such
27 repaid funds to provide assistance to other program staff for the cost of
28 higher education courses leading to an associate's degree or a
29 bachelor's degree. Any staff person receiving such assistance shall
30 annually submit a letter to the department attesting to such staff
31 person's employment in a position related to early child education or
32 child development in the state.

33 [(2)] (B) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
34 this section are not expended pursuant to said subsection (c) or
35 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the Commissioner of Education
36 may use such unexpended funds to support local school readiness
37 programs. The commissioner may use such funds for purposes
38 including, but not limited to, [(A)] (i) assisting local school readiness
39 programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation requirements, [(B)]
40 (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool assessment and
41 curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance literacy
42 teaching skills, [(C)] (iii) developing a state-wide preschool curriculum,
43 [(D)] (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades
44 kindergarten to two, inclusive, [(E)] (v) developing and implementing
45 best practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten

46 student learning, [(F)] (vi) developing and implementing strategies for
47 children to transition from preschool to kindergarten, [(G)] (vii)
48 providing for professional development, including assisting in career
49 ladder advancement, for school readiness staff, and [(H)] (viii)
50 providing supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for
51 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section."