



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5004

LCO No. 249

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM SLOTS
FOR CHILDREN LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL.**

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

- 1 That chapter 164 of the general statutes be amended to provide that
- 2 all children whose family income does not exceed two hundred per
- 3 cent of the federal poverty level based on family size be eligible to
- 4 attend and a slot be available in a school readiness program pursuant
- 5 to section 10-16p of the general statutes. It is further proposed that
- 6 funding to the Department of Education be increased for school
- 7 readiness for the costs associated with such children's attendance in
- 8 such school readiness programs.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the number of children who are prepared for kindergarten by allowing poor children to attend prekindergarten programs for free.