



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 340***

LCO No. 1485



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL  
READINESS PLAN.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The executive director of the  
2 Office of Early Childhood shall establish a two-generational school  
3 readiness plan to promote long-term learning and economic success  
4 for low income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to  
5 school readiness and workforce readiness with high-quality preschool,  
6 intensified workforce training and targeted education, coupled with  
7 related support services. Such plan shall include recommendations for:  
8 (1) Promoting and prioritizing access to high-quality preschool for  
9 three and four-year-old children who are living at seventy-five per  
10 cent of the federal poverty level; (2) providing the parents of such  
11 children with (A) the opportunity to acquire their high school  
12 diplomas, (B) adult education, and (C) technical skills to increase their  
13 employability and sustainable employment; and (3) funding for  
14 implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, use of the  
15 temporary assistance for needy families program and other federal,  
16 state and private funding.

17 (b) On or before December 1, 2014, the executive director shall  
18 report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
19 having cognizance of matters relating to children, education,  
20 workforce development and appropriations and the budgets of state  
21 agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
22 general statutes, on the plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To promote long-term learning and economic success for low income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to school readiness and workforce readiness.

*[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.]*