



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4705

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4705 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 2-3.71 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71)  
7 Sec. 2-3.71. Grants for preschool educational programs.  
8 (a) Preschool program.

9 (1) The State Board of Education shall implement and  
10 administer a grant program under the provisions of this  
11 subsection which shall consist of grants to public school  
12 districts and other eligible entities, as defined by the  
13 State Board of Education, to conduct voluntary preschool  
14 educational programs for children ages 3 to 5 which include  
15 a parent education component. A public school district  
16 which receives grants under this subsection may

1 subcontract with other entities that are eligible to  
2 conduct a preschool educational program. These grants must  
3 be used to supplement, not supplant, funds received from  
4 any other source.

5 (2) (Blank).

6 (3) Any teacher of preschool children in the program  
7 authorized by this subsection shall hold an early childhood  
8 teaching certificate.

9 (4) This paragraph (4) applies before July 1, 2006 and  
10 after June 30, 2010 ~~2008~~. The State Board of Education  
11 shall provide the primary source of funding through  
12 appropriations for the program. Such funds shall be  
13 distributed for the benefit of children who because of  
14 their home and community environment are subject to such  
15 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages that  
16 they have been determined as a result of screening  
17 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such  
18 screening procedures shall be based on criteria  
19 established by the State Board of Education.

20 (4.5) This paragraph (4.5) applies from July 1, 2006  
21 through June 30, 2010 ~~2008~~. The State Board of Education  
22 shall provide the primary source of funding through  
23 appropriations for the program. Such funds shall be  
24 distributed to achieve a goal of "Preschool for All  
25 Children" for the benefit of all children whose families  
26 choose to participate in the program. Based on available

1 appropriations, newly funded programs shall be selected  
2 through a process giving first priority to qualified  
3 programs serving primarily at-risk children and second  
4 priority to qualified programs serving primarily children  
5 with a family income of less than 4 times the poverty  
6 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by  
7 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the  
8 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). For purposes of this  
9 paragraph (4.5), at-risk children are those who because of  
10 their home and community environment are subject to such  
11 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages to  
12 cause them to have been determined as a result of screening  
13 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such  
14 screening procedures shall be based on criteria  
15 established by the State Board of Education.

16 ~~On or before November 1 of each fiscal year in which~~  
17 ~~the General Assembly provides funding for new programs~~  
18 ~~under this paragraph (4.5), the State Board of Education~~  
19 ~~shall report to the General Assembly on what percentage of~~  
20 ~~new funding was provided to programs serving primarily~~  
21 ~~at-risk children, what percentage of new funding was~~  
22 ~~provided to programs serving primarily children with a~~  
23 ~~family income of less than 4 times the federal poverty~~  
24 ~~level, and what percentage of new funding was provided to~~  
25 ~~other programs.~~

26 (5) The State Board of Education shall develop and

1 provide evaluation tools, including tests, that school  
2 districts and other eligible entities may use to evaluate  
3 children for school readiness prior to age 5. The State  
4 Board of Education shall require school districts and other  
5 eligible entities to obtain consent from the parents or  
6 guardians of children before any evaluations are  
7 conducted. The State Board of Education shall encourage  
8 local school districts and other eligible entities to  
9 evaluate the population of preschool children in their  
10 communities and provide preschool programs, pursuant to  
11 this subsection, where appropriate.

12 (6) The State Board of Education shall report to the  
13 General Assembly by November 1, 2010 ~~July 1, 2007~~ and every  
14 3 years thereafter on the results and progress of students  
15 who were enrolled in preschool educational programs,  
16 including an assessment of which programs have been most  
17 successful in promoting academic excellence and  
18 alleviating academic failure. The State Board of Education  
19 shall assess the academic progress of all students who have  
20 been enrolled in preschool educational programs.

21 On or before November 1 of each fiscal year in which  
22 the General Assembly provides funding for new programs  
23 under paragraph (4.5) of this Section, the State Board of  
24 Education shall report to the General Assembly on what  
25 percentage of new funding was provided to programs serving  
26 primarily at-risk children, what percentage of new funding

1       was provided to programs serving primarily children with a  
2       family income of less than 4 times the federal poverty  
3       level, and what percentage of new funding was provided to  
4       other programs.

5       (b) (Blank).

6       (Source: P.A. 94-506, eff. 8-8-05; 94-1054, eff. 7-25-06.)

7       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8       becoming law.".