



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB2237

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/5.990 new  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new

Amends the State Board of Education Article of the School Code. Provides that, Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall distribute grants to early childhood education and care nonprofit organizations that are established as a Section 501(c)(3) organization and that are dedicated to providing early childhood education and care services to children and families to provide transportation services to families that have trouble affording transportation to early childhood education and care centers. Creates the Early Childhood Education and Care Transportation Fund. Provides that the State Board of Education shall develop an application process for this grant program. Provides that grant funds be distributed annually. Provides that the application process shall require that early childhood education and care nonprofit organizations detail how many families and children would receive transportation assistance from the program, the amount of funding needed per child in their area to fund adequate transportation for the year, and how the funding will be used to provide transportation for each family in the application. Provides that the State Board of Education shall require that any early childhood education and care nonprofit organizations that receive funding shall report the amount of money used for transportation during the State's previous fiscal year and return unused funds back to the Early Childhood Education and Care Transportation Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to make a conforming change.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.990 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.990 new)

7 Sec. 5.990. The Early Childhood Education and Care  
8 Transportation Fund.

9 Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
10 2-3.196 as follows:

11 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

12 Sec. 2-3.196. Early Childhood Education and Care  
13 Transportation grant program.

14 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
15 shall distribute grants to early childhood education and care  
16 nonprofit organizations that are established as a Section  
17 501(c)(3) organization and that are dedicated to providing  
18 early childhood education and care services to children and  
19 families to provide transportation services to families that  
20 have trouble affording transportation to early childhood  
21 education and care centers.

1       (b) The Early Childhood Education and Care Transportation  
2 Fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury. Moneys  
3 in the fund shall be used for any purposes under this Section.

4       (c) The State Board of Education shall develop an  
5 application process for this grant program. Grant funds shall  
6 be distributed annually. The application process shall require  
7 that early childhood education and care nonprofit  
8 organizations detail how many families and children would  
9 receive transportation assistance from the program, the amount  
10 of funding needed per child in their area to fund adequate  
11 transportation for the year, and how the funding will be used  
12 to provide transportation for each family in the application.

13       (d) Grant funds may be used for transportation of families  
14 if the incomes of families being provided transportation with  
15 these funds are at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.

16       (e) The State Board of Education shall require that any  
17 early childhood education and care nonprofit organizations  
18 that receive funding shall report the amount of money used for  
19 transportation during the State's previous fiscal year and  
20 return unused funds back to the Early Childhood Education and  
21 Care Transportation Fund.