

HB4721



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.71

from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning grants for preschool education programs.

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A BILL FOR

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 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 ~~The~~ State Board of Education shall implement
10 and 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
17 subcontract with other entities that are eligible to
18 conduct a preschool educational program. These grants must
19 be used to supplement, not supplant, funds received from
20 any other source.

21 (2) (Blank).

22 (3) Any teacher of preschool children in the program
23 authorized by this subsection shall hold an early childhood
24 teaching certificate.

25 (4) The State Board of Education shall provide the
26 primary source of funding through appropriations for this
27 program. Such funds shall be distributed for the benefit of
28 children who because of their home and community
29 environment are subject to such language, cultural,
30 economic and like disadvantages that they have been
31 determined as a result of screening procedures to be at
32 risk of academic failure. Such screening procedures shall

1 be based on criteria established by the State Board of
2 Education.

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

15 (6) The State Board of Education shall report to the
16 General Assembly by July 1, 1989 and every 3 years
17 thereafter, on the results and progress of students who
18 were enrolled in preschool educational programs, including
19 an assessment of which programs have been most successful
20 in promoting academic excellence and alleviating academic
21 failure. The State Board of Education shall assess the
22 academic progress of all students who have been enrolled in
23 preschool educational programs.

24 (b) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 94-506, eff. 8-8-05.)