

SENATE BILL No. 204

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-17.2-7.

Synopsis: Pre-kindergarten grant program. Establishes the pre-kindergarten grant program within the bureau of child care to fund child care and pre-kindergarten for certain low income families. Establishes the pre-kindergarten grant fund. Makes an annual appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2012]:
- 4 **Chapter 7. Pre-kindergarten Grant Program and Fund**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the**
- 6 **pre-kindergarten grant fund established by section 7 of this**
- 7 **chapter.**
- 8 **Sec 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
- 9 **pre-kindergarten grant program established by section 3 of this**
- 10 **chapter.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. The pre-kindergarten grant program is established to**
- 12 **fund child care or preschool for children of low income families**
- 13 **during the school year immediately preceding the school year**
- 14 **during which the child is expected to enter kindergarten.**
- 15 **Sec. 4. (a) The bureau of child care shall, not later than August**
- 16 **31, 2012, adopt rules, including emergency rules, under IC 4-22-2**
- 17 **to establish criteria for participation in the program.**



1 **(b) The criteria established by subsection (a) must include the**
 2 **following requirements:**

3 **(1) A recipient is a child who:**

4 **(A) is eligible for participation in the children's health**
 5 **insurance program under IC 12-17.6;**

6 **(B) is not eligible for participation in the federal Child**
 7 **Care and Development Fund voucher program**
 8 **administered under 45 CFR 98 and 45 CFR 99; and**

9 **(C) subject to subdivision (2), attends one (1) of the**
 10 **following during the school year preceding the school year**
 11 **during which the child enters kindergarten:**

12 **(i) A child care home.**

13 **(ii) A child care center.**

14 **(iii) A child care ministry.**

15 **(iv) A program described in IC 12-17.2-2-8(2) or**
 16 **IC 12-17.2-2-8(3), including a preschool.**

17 **(2) An organization or program described in subdivision**
 18 **(1)(C)(i) through (1)(C)(iv) must have received at least a level**
 19 **3 certification on the child care quality rating and**
 20 **improvement system administered by the bureau of child**
 21 **care.**

22 **Sec. 5. The bureau of child care shall begin accepting**
 23 **applications to receive a grant under the program not later than**
 24 **November 1, 2012.**

25 **Sec. 6. (a) The bureau of child care shall begin funding grants**
 26 **from the pre-kindergarten grant fund not later than August 1,**
 27 **2013.**

28 **(b) The bureau of child care shall develop a sliding scale of**
 29 **grant amounts for recipients.**

30 **(c) The sliding scale of grant amounts required by subsection (b)**
 31 **must:**

32 **(1) be based on the recipient's annual gross family income;**
 33 **and**

34 **(2) provide for a:**

35 **(A) minimum grant amount equal to fifty percent (50%);**
 36 **and**

37 **(B) maximum grant amount equal to one hundred percent**
 38 **(100%);**

39 **of the average annual cost of child care in Indiana, as**
 40 **determined by the bureau of child care.**

41 **(d) Subject to the minimum and maximum amounts described**
 42 **in subsection (c), the bureau of child care may annually adjust the**

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1 scale of grant amounts adopted under this section.
2 **Sec. 7. (a) The pre-kindergarten grant fund is established for the**
3 **purpose of funding grants under this chapter. The fund shall be**
4 **administered by the bureau of child care.**
5 **(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**
6 **money in the fund.**
7 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
8 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
9 **manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that**
10 **accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
11 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
12 **revert to the state general fund.**
13 **(e) The fund consists of:**
14 **(1) gifts and appropriations to the fund;**
15 **(2) appropriations from the state general fund; and**
16 **(3) interest from investments deposited in the fund.**
17 **(f) There is annually appropriated to the pre-kindergarten grant**
18 **fund from the state general fund an amount sufficient to fund the**
19 **grants distributed under this chapter.**

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