

## SENATE BILL No. 379

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-30-17; IC 12-17.2-7.

**Synopsis:** Early childhood literacy pilot program. Establishes the early childhood literacy grant program as a two year pilot program within the bureau of child care. Requires the bureau of child care to establish, implement, and evaluate the program and report to the legislative council concerning the program. Appropriates money from the build Indiana fund.

**Effective:** July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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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 4-30-17-4.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 4.1. (a) Money credited
- 3 to the build Indiana fund, after making the disbursements required
- 4 under section 3.5 of this chapter, may be used only for:
- 5 (1) state or local capital projects that are managed or carried out
- 6 by an eligible recipient; ~~or~~
- 7 (2) deposit in a revolving loan fund for capital projects; **or**
- 8 **(3) grants under the early childhood literacy grant pilot**
- 9 **program under IC 12-17.2-7.**
- 10 (b) An expenditure of money from the build Indiana fund for a state
- 11 or local capital project must be certified by the budget agency to the
- 12 budget committee under section 4.5 of this chapter before the project
- 13 may be reviewed and approved under section 10 of this chapter.
- 14 (c) As used in this chapter, "capital project" refers to a capital
- 15 project to which the general assembly has appropriated money from the
- 16 build Indiana fund by project name, name of an eligible recipient, or
- 17 other description of the capital project. The term includes:



- 1 (1) the construction of airports, airport facilities, and local street  
 2 and road projects;  
 3 (2) an airport development project that is eligible for a grant or  
 4 loan under IC 8-21-11; and  
 5 (3) any other:  
 6 (A) acquisition of land;  
 7 (B) site improvements;  
 8 (C) infrastructure improvements;  
 9 (D) construction of buildings or structures;  
 10 (E) rehabilitation, renovation, or enlargement of buildings or  
 11 structures; or  
 12 (F) acquisition or improvement of machinery, equipment,  
 13 furnishings, or facilities;  
 14 (or any combination of these), that comprises or is functionally  
 15 related to an activity that serves a governmental, a recreational, a  
 16 cultural, a community, a health, a charitable, a scientific, a public  
 17 safety, a literary, or an educational purpose, fosters amateur sports  
 18 competition, or fosters prevention of cruelty to children.  
 19 (d) As used in this chapter, "state project" refers to a capital project  
 20 that is managed or carried out by an eligible recipient described in  
 21 section 2(4) through 2(6) of this chapter.  
 22 (e) As used in this chapter, "local project" refers to a capital project  
 23 that is managed or carried out by an eligible recipient described in  
 24 section 2(1) through 2(3) of this chapter.  
 25 (f) In appropriating money from the build Indiana fund for state and  
 26 local capital projects, the general assembly shall, to the extent  
 27 practicable, allocate money:  
 28 (1) equally among legislative districts for the house of  
 29 representatives; and  
 30 (2) equally among legislative districts for the senate;  
 31 without regard to the political affiliation of the member of the general  
 32 assembly representing the legislative district or the voting preferences  
 33 of the legislative district.  
 34 (g) In reviewing and approving projects under section ~~10~~ **10(a)** of  
 35 this chapter, the budget committee and the governor shall carry out a  
 36 program under which, to the extent that projects otherwise qualify for  
 37 funding, money for projects is disbursed:  
 38 (1) equally among legislative districts for the house of  
 39 representatives; and  
 40 (2) equally among legislative districts for the senate;  
 41 without regard to the political affiliation of the member of the general  
 42 assembly representing the legislative district or the voting preferences

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1 of the legislative district.

2 SECTION 2. IC 4-30-17-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 10. (a) Money  
4 appropriated from the build Indiana fund may not be expended on a  
5 state or local capital project or transferred to a revolving fund for  
6 capital projects until the state or local capital project or transfer is  
7 reviewed by the budget committee and approved by the governor upon  
8 the recommendation of the budget agency.

9 **(b) This section does not apply to money appropriated from the  
10 build Indiana fund for the early childhood literacy grant pilot  
11 program under IC 12-17.2-7.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 4-30-17-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 13. There is annually  
14 appropriated to the budget agency a sufficient amount from the build  
15 Indiana fund for the budget agency to:

- 16 (1) carry out its responsibilities under this chapter; ~~and~~  
17 (2) notwithstanding IC 5-11-4-3, pay the expense of examination  
18 and investigation of accounts related to a state or local capital  
19 project; ~~and~~

20 **(3) fund grants through the bureau of child care for the early  
21 childhood literacy grant pilot program under IC 12-17.2-7.**

22 SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
23 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
24 JULY 1, 2012]:

25 **Chapter 7. Early Childhood Literacy Grant Program**

26 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the early  
27 childhood literacy grant pilot program established by section 2 of  
28 this chapter.**

29 **Sec. 2. (a) The early childhood literacy grant pilot program is  
30 established to fund caregiver, teacher, and parent mentoring to  
31 facilitate literacy advancement in children from birth to age four  
32 (4).**

33 **(b) The program shall provide funding for one (1) full time  
34 mentor who will be assigned to not more than twenty (20)  
35 recipients.**

36 **Sec. 3. (a) The bureau of child care shall, not later than August  
37 31, 2012, adopt rules, including emergency rules, under IC 4-22-2  
38 to establish criteria for participation in the program.**

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

- 41 **(1) Subject to subdivision (2), a recipient is a group of not  
42 more than ten (10) children who attend any of the following:**

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- 1 (A) A child care home.
- 2 (B) A child care center.
- 3 (C) A child care ministry.
- 4 (D) A program described in IC 12-17.2-2-8(2) or
- 5 IC 12-17.2-2-8(3), including a preschool.
- 6 (2) The organizations or programs described in subdivision
- 7 (1)(A) through (1)(D) must have received at least a level 2
- 8 certification on the child care quality rating and improvement
- 9 system administered by the bureau of child care.
- 10 Sec. 4. (a) The bureau of child care shall begin accepting
- 11 applications to receive a grant under the program not later than
- 12 November 1, 2012.
- 13 (b) An application submitted under subsection (a) must include
- 14 a curriculum or approach to early childhood education that has
- 15 been shown through empirical evidence to achieve rapid
- 16 advancement of literacy.
- 17 Sec. 5. The bureau shall begin funding grants to not more than
- 18 twenty (20) recipients from the build Indiana fund under
- 19 IC 4-30-17 not later than August 1, 2013.
- 20 Sec. 6. (a) The bureau shall assign at least one (1) mentor to
- 21 each recipient.
- 22 (b) A mentor assigned under subsection (a) shall assist:
- 23 (1) each caregiver or teacher of the children in the care of the
- 24 recipient to implement the curriculum or approach to early
- 25 childhood education specified in the recipient's application
- 26 described in section 4 of this chapter; and
- 27 (2) the parents of each child in the care of the recipient to
- 28 promote literacy and education in the child's home.
- 29 Sec. 7. (a) Children, whose caregivers, teachers, and parents
- 30 receive mentoring under the program, must be evaluated by the
- 31 organization or program using the early childhood assessment
- 32 rating system provided by the department of education to evaluate
- 33 each child's readiness for kindergarten.
- 34 (b) Evaluations performed under subsection (a) must be
- 35 performed and reported to the bureau of child care in August,
- 36 January, and June of each year.
- 37 (c) The bureau of child care shall, not later than November 1 of
- 38 each year, compile and report the results of evaluations required
- 39 by this section to the legislative council in an electronic format
- 40 under IC 5-14-6.
- 41 (d) The bureau of child care shall, not later than November 1,
- 42 2015, compile a final report of evaluation findings and

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1 **recommendations concerning the program to the legislative council**  
2 **in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

3 **(e) Results of evaluations performed under this section that**  
4 **could be used to identify an individual child are confidential.**

5 **Sec. 8. This chapter expires July 1, 2016.**

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