

HOUSE BILL No. 1548

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-40.

Synopsis: Kindergarten readiness. Provides a kindergarten readiness reimbursement grant to a parent of a child who: (1) is at least four years of age and not more than five years of age; (2) is a resident of Indiana or otherwise has legal settlement in Indiana; (3) is a member of a household with an annual income of not more than the amount required for the child to qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program; (4) does not attend a preschool program that is funded under the federal Head Start Program or any other federal or state funded preschool program; and (5) successfully completes an assessment that indicates the child's readiness to attend kindergarten. Provides that the department of education shall develop the assessment and administer the grant program. Makes a continuing appropriation.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-40 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2013]:
 4 **Chapter 40. Kindergarten Readiness Reimbursement Grants**
 5 **Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to a child who:**
 6 **(1) is at least four (4) years of age and not more than five (5)**
 7 **years of age;**
 8 **(2) is a resident of Indiana or otherwise has legal settlement**
 9 **in Indiana, as determined under IC 20-26-11;**
 10 **(3) is a member of a household with an annual income of not**
 11 **more than the amount required for the individual to qualify**
 12 **for the federal free and reduced lunch program;**
 13 **(4) does not attend a preschool program that is funded under**
 14 **the Head Start Program under 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq. or any**
 15 **other federal or state funded preschool program; and**
 16 **(5) successfully completes an assessment that indicates the**
 17 **child's readiness to attend kindergarten, as determined by the**



1 assessment developed by the department under section 3 of
 2 this chapter before the child enrolls in kindergarten.
 3 (b) After June 30, 2013, the parent of a child described in
 4 subsection (a) is entitled to receive a grant of one thousand dollars
 5 (\$1,000).
 6 (c) To receive a grant under subsection (b), the parent of a child
 7 described in subsection (a) must apply for the grant on the forms,
 8 in the manner, and before the date prescribed by the department.
 9 Sec. 2. School corporations shall administer the assessment and
 10 grant program under this chapter for the department. The
 11 department may allow nonpublic schools to administer any part of
 12 the assessment and grant program.
 13 Sec. 3. The department shall develop:
 14 (1) an assessment that may be used by a school corporation,
 15 including a charter school or a nonpublic school, to determine
 16 a child's readiness to attend kindergarten;
 17 (2) the application form for a grant; and
 18 (3) all other necessary standards and procedures to
 19 implement the assessment and grant program.
 20 A charge may not be imposed on a parent or child to make an
 21 application, take an assessment, or receive a grant under this
 22 chapter.
 23 Sec. 4. A grant awarded under this chapter shall be paid from
 24 the state general fund not later than sixty (60) days after the
 25 department receives notice that a child has successfully completed
 26 an assessment that indicates the child is ready to attend
 27 kindergarten.
 28 Sec. 5. The amount necessary to provide grants under this
 29 chapter is annually appropriated to the department from the state
 30 general fund.

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