

Senate File 2347

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1 Amend Senate File 2347, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 37, after line 13 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION
5 STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PROVISIONS

6 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph
7 h, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

8 h. Provision for ensuring that children receiving
9 care from other child care arrangements can participate
10 in the preschool program with minimal disruption due to
11 transportation and movement from one site to another.
12 The children participating in the preschool program may
13 be transported by the school district to activities
14 associated with the program along with other children.

15 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, Code 2014,
16 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. A requirement that children
18 with a family income at or below one hundred thirty
19 percent of the federal poverty level, as defined by
20 the most recently revised poverty income guidelines
21 published by the United States department of health
22 and human services, shall not be subject to additional
23 tuition, fees, or other charges for added preschool
24 time or other preschool-related services provided in
25 addition to the minimum hours of instruction provided
26 in accordance with paragraph "f".

27 Sec. _____. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, Code 2014,
28 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

29 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Development and implementation
30 of a plan for the school district's preschool program
31 to have sufficient capacity to operate without a
32 waiting list for school budget years beginning on or
33 after July 1, 2017.

34 Sec. _____. Section 256C.4, subsection 1, paragraphs
35 g and h, Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

36 g. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2011~~
37 2014, and each succeeding fiscal year, of the amount
38 of preschool foundation aid received by a school
39 district for a fiscal year in accordance with section
40 257.16, not more than five percent may be used by
41 the school district for administering the district's
42 approved local program. Outreach activities and rent
43 for facilities not owned by the school district are
44 permissive uses of the administrative funds.

45 h. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2012~~ 2014,
46 and each succeeding fiscal year, of the amount of
47 preschool foundation aid received by a school district
48 for a fiscal year in accordance with section 257.16,
49 not less than ninety-five percent of the per pupil
50 amount shall be passed through to a community-based

1 provider for each pupil enrolled in the district's
2 approved local program. For the fiscal year beginning
3 July 1, ~~2011~~ 2014, and each succeeding fiscal year, not
4 more than ~~five~~ ten percent of the amount of preschool
5 foundation aid passed through to a community-based
6 provider may be used by the community-based provider
7 for administrative costs. The costs of outreach
8 activities and rent for facilities not owned by
9 the school district are permissive administrative
10 costs. The costs of transportation involving children
11 participating in the preschool program and other
12 children may be prorated.

13 Sec. _____. Section 256C.4, subsection 2, paragraph
14 b, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

15 b. The enrollment count of eligible students shall
16 not include a child who is included in the enrollment
17 count determined under section 257.6 or a child who
18 is served by a an existing preschool program already
19 receiving state or federal funds for the purpose of
20 the provision of providing four-year-old preschool
21 programming while the child is being served by the
22 existing program. Such preschool programming However,
23 the enrollment count of eligible students may include
24 a child being served by an existing preschool program
25 if the preschool programming in the existing program
26 has been enhanced as a result of preschool program
27 expansion incentive state aid provided under section
28 256C.7. For the purposes of this chapter an "existing
29 preschool program" includes but is not limited to
30 shared visions and other child development assistance
31 programs provided under chapter 256A and section
32 279.51, special education programs provided under
33 section 256B.9, school ready children grant programs
34 and other programs provided under chapter 256I, and
35 federal head start programs and the services funded
36 by Tit. I of the federal Elementary and Secondary
37 Education Act of 1965.

38 Sec. _____. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, unnumbered
39 paragraph 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

40 For the purposes of this ~~section and section 256C.4~~
41 ~~chapter~~, unless the context otherwise requires:

42 Sec. _____. **NEW SECTION. 256C.7 Preschool program**
43 **expansion incentive.**

44 1. For the purposes of this section, unless the
45 context otherwise requires:

46 a. "*Base incentive enrollment*" means the average
47 of the actual enrollments of eligible students in the
48 preschool programming provided by a school district on
49 October 1, 2011, October 1, 2012, and October 1, 2013.

50 b. "*Incentive period*" means the budget years

1 beginning July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017.

2 *c. "Incentive enrollment"* means the amount by which
3 the actual enrollment of eligible students in the
4 preschool programming provided by a school district
5 on October 1 of the base year exceeds the school
6 district's base incentive enrollment.

7 *d. "Incentive state aid"* means the product of twenty
8 percent of the regular program state cost per pupil for
9 the budget year multiplied by the school district's
10 incentive enrollment in the base year.

11 2. *a.* A preschool program expansion incentive
12 is established in accordance with this section. In
13 order to be eligible for the incentive, a school
14 district must develop and implement a preschool
15 program expansion plan, approved by the department, to
16 expand enrollment of eligible students in the school
17 district's preschool programming. In addition, the
18 school district shall work with existing preschool
19 program providers to expand hours and otherwise enhance
20 the preschool programming available to the children
21 participating in the programs. The plan's goal
22 shall be that by the end of the incentive period the
23 district's preschool programming will be available
24 without a waiting list to each child wanting to enroll
25 in the programming. After completion of the incentive
26 period, the department shall analyze the growth in
27 access to the preschool program and enhancements made
28 in preschool programming as a result of the incentive,
29 including in the programs provided directly by school
30 districts and in those offered in partnership with
31 community providers. The department shall submit
32 a report to the general assembly that shall include
33 identification of progress made toward the incentive
34 program's goals and documentation of collaboration
35 efforts made with input from participating families,
36 early care providers, and community partners.

37 *b.* The elements addressed in the preschool program
38 expansion plan shall include but are not limited to the
39 following:

40 (1) How the school district will work in
41 collaboration with participating families, early care
42 providers, and community partners, as described in
43 section 256C.3, subsection 3, to provide the preschool
44 programming in as convenient and cost-effective
45 a manner as possible for the families of the
46 four-year-old children who are eligible for the
47 programming.

48 (2) A specification of the roles of the early care
49 providers and community partners in support of the
50 expansion plan.

1 (3) A delineation of the specific steps for
2 expanding hours and otherwise enhancing the preschool
3 programming available to the children participating in
4 the existing preschool programs located in the school
5 district.

6 (4) Identification of specific outcomes and
7 progress measures for the expansion plan.

8 (5) Detailed plans for contacting and soliciting
9 enrollment of eligible students, particularly from
10 low-income families, non-English speaking families, and
11 families from ethnic and racial groups underrepresented
12 in the district's preschool program enrollment.

13 3. The department of education shall provide
14 required elements and recommend best practices for
15 outreach and program expansion under the incentive,
16 including expansion plan models that school districts
17 may consider in developing their local expansion plans,
18 and including but not limited to submission provisions,
19 annual updates, and documentation of collaboration
20 efforts with and input from participating families,
21 early care providers, and community partners.

22 4. During the incentive period, in addition to the
23 regular preschool foundation aid based on the preschool
24 budget enrollment, the school district implementing a
25 preschool expansion plan approved by the department
26 shall receive incentive state aid based on the
27 district's incentive enrollment. The incentive state
28 aid shall be paid as part of the state aid payments
29 made to school districts in accordance with section
30 257.16.

31 5. A school district shall utilize its incentive
32 state aid to defray increases in costs in connection
33 with the school district's preschool program expansion
34 plan. Such costs shall include but are not limited
35 to renovation and other facility costs connected with
36 expansion, outreach, one-time expenses, and other costs
37 identified as eligible by the department.

38 Sec. _____. Section 257.16, Code 2014, is amended by
39 adding the following new subsection:

40 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. For the fiscal years in which
41 the preschool program expansion incentive applies in
42 accordance with section 256C.7, the appropriation made
43 in subsection 1 shall include the amount necessary to
44 pay incentive state aid in accordance with section
45 256C.7. This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2018.

46 Sec. _____. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In
47 accordance with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state
48 cost of requiring compliance with any state mandate
49 included in this division of this Act shall be paid
50 by a school district from state school foundation

1 aid received by the school district under section
2 257.16. This specification of the payment of the
3 state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state
4 funding-related requirements of section 25B.2,
5 subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
6 necessary for the full implementation of this division
7 of this Act by and enforcement of this division of this
8 Act against all affected school districts.>
9 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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