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SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 287, L.D. 997, Bill, "An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 20 (page 1, lines 3 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'20. Statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program. Beginning September 1, 2020, the commissioner shall implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and children who are 8 years of age or younger who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings, and to improve the abilities and skills of families and foster parents with infants or children who are 8 years of age or younger in the home who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings. Any record about a child created as a result of a consultation under this subsection must be made available to the parents or guardians of that child and may not become part of that child's education record.

A. Fifty percent of the costs related to the program implemented under this subsection must be paid from funds provided to the Department of Health and Human Services under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant available under Title IV-A of the United States Social Security Act or transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services from that block grant authorized under Title XX of the United States Social Security Act.

B. The funds under paragraph A must be transferred to the department by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the department and the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 the State Controller, and based on documentation of costs incurred by the department
 2 in implementing the program under this subsection.'

3 Amend the bill by adding after section 4 the following:

4 '**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 5 allocations are made.

6 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

7 **Early Childhood Consultation Program N323**

8 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Regional Education Representative position
 9 and one Office Associate II position and related All Other funding necessary to design
 10 and implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program beginning
 11 September 1, 2020.

12	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
13	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
14	Personal Services	\$109,446	\$182,876
15	All Other	\$314,594	\$257,465
16			
17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$424,040	\$440,341

18 **Early Childhood Consultation Program N323**

19 Initiative: Allocates funds necessary to design and implement a statewide voluntary early
 20 childhood consultation program beginning September 1, 2020.

21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
22	All Other	\$424,040	\$440,341
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24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$424,040	\$440,341

25 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
 26 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

27		2019-20	2020-21
28	GENERAL FUND	\$424,040	\$440,341
29	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$424,040	\$440,341
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31	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$848,080	\$880,682
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33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment, which is the majority report, provides that any record about a child
 35 created as a result of an early childhood consultation program must be made available to

1 the parents or guardians of that child and may not become part of the child's education
2 record.

3 The amendment also stipulates that 50% of the costs of the early childhood
4 consultation program established under the bill is to be funded using funds transferred to
5 the Department of Education by the Department of Health and Human Services that are
6 provided to the Department of Health and Human Services under the Temporary
7 Assistance for Needy Families block grant that are available under Title IV-A of the
8 United States Social Security Act or that are transferred to the Department of Health and
9 Human Services from that block grant authorized under Title XX of the United States
10 Social Security Act.

11 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

13 **(See attached)**



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LD 997

LR 108(02)

An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "H" (S 191)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$424,040	\$440,341	\$446,741	\$453,366
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$424,040	\$440,341	\$446,741	\$453,366
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$424,040	\$440,341	\$446,741	\$453,366
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$424,040	\$440,341	\$446,741	\$453,366
Federal Block Grant Fund	(\$424,040)	(\$440,341)	(\$446,741)	(\$453,366)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes an early childhood consultation program within the Department of Education (DOE) to provide support, guidance and training to families, early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving certain at-risk children and requires the DOE to design and implement the program by September 1, 2020. The DOE estimates the total cost of this proposal to be \$848,080 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$880,682 in fiscal year 2020-21. This bill requires fifty percent of the costs associated with the program to be paid for through a transfer of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the DOE.

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$424,040 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$440,341 in fiscal year 2020-21, representing fifty percent of the total cost, to a newly created Early Childhood Consultation Program within the DOE for one Regional Education Representative position and one Office Associate position and related All Other costs, including funding for contracted consultants as well as technology, training, travel and meeting costs.

The bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the Early Childhood Consultation Program of the same amounts for the remaining fifty percent of the costs to be paid for by the transfer of TANF funds from the DHHS to the DOE.