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HOUSE MOTION _____

MR. SPEAKER:

I move that House Bill 1234 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 12, between lines 27 and 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "Sec. 35. (a) As used in this section, "parent" has the meaning
3 set forth in IC 20-8.1-1-3.
4 (b) After June 30, 2004, the parent of a child who:
5 (1) did not attend a kindergarten offered by a school
6 corporation;
7 (2) has not completed more thirty (30) school days (as
8 defined in IC 20-8.1-4-20) in grade 1 in any public or private
9 school;
10 (3) applies for a grant under this section on the forms, in the
11 manner, and before the date prescribed by the department;
12 and
13 (4) successfully completes an assessment that indicates
14 readiness to attend grade 1, as determined under the
15 standards prescribed by the department;
16 is entitled to receive a grant of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
17 (c) School corporations shall administer the assessment and
18 grant program under this chapter for the department. The
19 department may provide for nonpublic schools to administer any
20 part of the assessment and grant program.
21 (d) The department shall develop, with the approval of the
22 commission:

- 1 **(1) an assessment that may be used by a school corporation**
- 2 **to determine a child's readiness to attend grade 1;**
- 3 **(2) the application form for a grant; and**
- 4 **(3) all other necessary standards and procedures to**
- 5 **implement the assessment and grant program.**

6 **A charge may not be imposed on a parent or child to make an**
7 **application, take an assessment, or receive a grant under this**
8 **section.**

9 **(e) A grant shall be paid from the fund not later than sixty (60)**
10 **days after the department receives notice that a child has**
11 **successfully completed an assessment that indicates that the child**
12 **is ready to attend grade 1. The amount necessary to provide grants**
13 **under this section is annually appropriated from the fund. If**
14 **insufficient money is in the fund to distribute grants in a timely**
15 **fashion, the amount necessary to pay the grants shall be**
16 **transferred from the state general fund to the fund. A sufficient**
17 **amount is annually appropriated from the state general fund to**
18 **make the transfers required by this subsection."**

19 Page 12, line 28, delete "35" and insert "36".

20 Page 13, line 27, after "commission" insert "**and the department of**
21 **education**".

(Reference is to HB 1234 as printed January 23, 2004.)

Representative Turner