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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