

SENATE MOTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I move that Senate Bill 226 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 10, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert
2 the following:
3 "SECTION 10. IC 12-17.2-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2012]:
6 **Chapter 7. Prekindergarten Grant Program and Fund**
7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the**
8 **prekindergarten grant fund established by section 7 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the**
10 **prekindergarten grant program established by section 3 of this**
11 **chapter.**
12 **Sec. 3. The prekindergarten grant program is established to**
13 **fund child care or preschool for children of low income families**
14 **during the school year immediately preceding the school year**
15 **during which the child is expected to enter kindergarten.**
16 **Sec. 4. (a) The bureau of child care shall, not later than August**
17 **31, 2012, adopt rules, including emergency rules, under IC 4-22-2**
18 **to establish criteria for participation in the program.**
19 **(b) The criteria established under subsection (a) must include**
20 **the following requirements:**
21 **(1) A recipient must be a child who:**
22 **(A) is eligible for participation in the children's health**
23 **insurance program under IC 12-17.6;**
24 **(B) is not eligible for participation in the federal Child**
25 **Care and Development Fund voucher program**
26 **administered under 45 CFR 98 and 45 CFR 99; and**
27 **(C) subject to subdivision (2), attends one (1) of the**
28 **following during the school year preceding the school year**
29 **during which the child enters kindergarten:**
30 **(i) A child care home.**

1 (ii) A child care center.

2 (iii) A child care ministry.

3 (iv) A program described in IC 12-17.2-2-8(2) or
4 IC 12-17.2-2-8(3), including a preschool.

5 (2) An organization or program described in subdivision
6 (1)(C)(i) through (1)(C)(iv) must have received at least a level
7 3 certification on the child care quality rating and
8 improvement system administered by the bureau of child
9 care.

10 Sec. 5. The bureau of child care shall begin accepting
11 applications to receive a grant under the program not later than
12 November 1, 2012.

13 Sec. 6. (a) The bureau of child care shall begin funding grants
14 from the prekindergarten grant fund not later than August 1, 2013.

15 (b) The bureau of child care shall develop a sliding scale of
16 grant amounts for recipients.

17 (c) The sliding scale of grant amounts required by subsection (b)
18 must:

19 (1) be based on the recipient's annual gross family income;
20 and

21 (2) provide for a:

22 (A) minimum grant amount equal to fifty percent (50%);
23 and

24 (B) maximum grant amount equal to one hundred percent
25 (100%);

26 of the average annual cost of child care in Indiana, as
27 determined by the bureau of child care.

28 (d) Subject to the minimum and maximum amounts described
29 in subsection (c), the bureau of child care may annually adjust the
30 scale of grant amounts adopted under this section.

31 Sec. 7. (a) The prekindergarten grant fund is established for the
32 purpose of funding grants under this chapter. The fund shall be
33 administered by the bureau of child care.

34 (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
35 money in the fund.

36 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
37 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
38 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
39 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

40 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
41 revert to the state general fund.

42 (e) The fund consists of:

43 (1) gifts and appropriations to the fund;

44 (2) appropriations from the state general fund; and

45 (3) interest from investments deposited in the fund.

46 (f) There is annually appropriated to the prekindergarten grant
47 fund from the state general fund an amount sufficient to fund the

- 1 **grants distributed under this chapter."**
- 2 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to SB 226 as printed January 27, 2012.)

Senator BREAUX