

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB5347

by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 20/3.5 new

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Requires the Department of Human Services and the Illinois State Board of Education to jointly develop and implement a State policy under which parents of children with disabilities who previously received early intervention services under the Act may choose the continuation of those services until such children reach the age of 5 or enter, or are eligible under State law to enter, kindergarten. Provides that implementation of the new policy shall be contingent on the Department (i) holding public hearings as provided under the Act and (ii) complying with all applicable federal requirements. Effective January 1, 2019.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning children.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Early Intervention Services System Act is amended by adding Section 3.5 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 20/3.5 new)

Sec. 3.5. Continuation of early intervention services. The lead agency and the Illinois State Board of Education shall jointly develop and implement a State policy under which parents of children with disabilities who are eligible for services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 United States Code 1411 through 1419 and as set forth in 34 CFR 300.115) and who previously received services under this Act, may choose the continuation of early intervention services (which shall include an educational component that promotes school readiness and incorporates preliteracy, language, and numeracy skills) for such children under this Act until such children reach the age of 5 or enter, or are eligible under State law to enter, kindergarten. Implementation of this Section shall be contingent on the lead agency holding public hearings on the new policy as provided in subsection (q) of Section 5 and complying with all federal requirements in 20 United States Code 1435(c).

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January

2 1, 2019.