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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1497

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1497 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 2-3.71 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.71)
7 Sec. 2-3.71. Grants for preschool educational programs.

8 (a) Preschool program.

9 (1) The State Board of Education shall implement and
10 administer a grant program under the provisions of this
11 subsection which shall consist of grants to public school
12 districts and other eligible entities, as defined by the
13 State Board of Education, to conduct voluntary preschool
14 educational programs for children ages 3 to 5 which include
15 a parent education component. A public school district
16 which receives grants under this subsection may
17 subcontract with other entities that are eligible to
18 conduct a preschool educational program. These grants must
19 be used to supplement, not supplant, funds received from
20 any other source.

21 (2) (Blank).

22 (3) Any teacher of preschool children in the program
23 authorized by this subsection shall hold an early childhood
24 teaching certificate.

1 (4) This paragraph (4) applies before July 1, 2006 and
2 after June 30, 2008. The State Board of Education shall
3 provide the primary source of funding through
4 appropriations for the ~~this~~ program. Such funds shall be
5 distributed for the benefit of children who because of
6 their home and community environment are subject to such
7 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages that
8 they have been determined as a result of screening
9 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such
10 screening procedures shall be based on criteria
11 established by the State Board of Education.

12 (4.5) This paragraph (4.5) applies from July 1, 2006
13 through June 30, 2008. The State Board of Education shall
14 provide the primary source of funding through
15 appropriations for the program. Such funds shall be
16 distributed to achieve a goal of "Preschool for All
17 Children" for the benefit of all children whose families
18 choose to participate in the program. Based on available
19 appropriations, newly funded programs shall be selected
20 through a process giving first priority to qualified
21 programs serving primarily at-risk children and second
22 priority to qualified programs serving primarily children
23 with a family income of less than 4 times the poverty
24 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by
25 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the
26 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). For purposes of this
27 paragraph (4.5), at-risk children are those who because of
28 their home and community environment are subject to such
29 language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages to
30 cause them to have been determined as a result of screening
31 procedures to be at risk of academic failure. Such
32 screening procedures shall be based on criteria
33 established by the State Board of Education.

34 On or before November 1 of each fiscal year in which

1 the General Assembly provides funding for new programs
2 under this paragraph (4.5), the State Board of Education
3 shall report to the General Assembly on what percentage of
4 new funding was provided to programs serving primarily
5 at-risk children, what percentage of new funding was
6 provided to programs serving primarily children with a
7 family income of less than 4 times the federal poverty
8 level, and what percentage of new funding was provided to
9 other programs.

10 (5) The State Board of Education shall develop and
11 provide evaluation tools, including tests, that school
12 districts and other eligible entities may use to evaluate
13 children for school readiness prior to age 5. The State
14 Board of Education shall require school districts and other
15 eligible entities to obtain consent from the parents or
16 guardians of children before any evaluations are
17 conducted. The State Board of Education shall encourage
18 local school districts and other eligible entities to
19 evaluate the population of preschool children in their
20 communities and provide preschool programs, pursuant to
21 this subsection, where appropriate.

22 (6) The State Board of Education shall report to the
23 General Assembly by July 1, 2007 ~~1989~~ and every 3 years
24 thereafter, on the results and progress of students who
25 were enrolled in preschool educational programs, including
26 an assessment of which programs have been most successful
27 in promoting academic excellence and alleviating academic
28 failure. The State Board of Education shall assess the
29 academic progress of all students who have been enrolled in
30 preschool educational programs.

31 (b) (Blank).

32 (Source: P.A. 94-506, eff. 8-8-05.)

33 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2006.".