

programs and family support services. Local school systems are eligible to apply for grants under the program.

House Bill 1249, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 793.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 793

AN ACT concerning

Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education ~~Centers and Education~~ Enhancement Grant Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education ~~Centers and Education~~ Enhancement Grant Program ~~for the development of collaborative approaches to delivery of full day early care and education and family support services;~~ providing that the Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget; providing that funds that are allocated to the Program in the State budget may be used for certain purposes; authorizing the Maryland State Department of Education to distribute grants to county boards of education for certain purposes under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to distribute grants to certain private entities for certain purposes under certain circumstances; establishing application procedures for the grants; authorizing the Department to distribute funds to a county board of education for the purpose of implementing a certain early childhood assessment system; establishing certain procedures and requirements relating to administration and evaluation of the Program; requiring that certain funds be appropriated for certain purposes in a certain fiscal year; providing that in a certain fiscal year a certain special fund may be used for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; designating the Department of Education as the agency supervising the grant; requiring the Department to distribute the grant funds under the program created by this Act to local school systems on a competitive basis; limiting local school system use of funds to certain purposes; requiring the Department to select an evaluator through a competitive process to measure the effectiveness of the collaborations; requiring the Department to submit certain reports; prohibiting awards under this Act from supplanting other funding; and generally relating to the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education ~~Centers and Education~~ Enhancement Grant Program.

BY adding to

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