
HOUSE BILL 2322

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By Representatives Haler and Appleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing access to full-day kindergarten
2 programs; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the department of early learning shall establish a
9 program for community kindergarten grants for the purpose of increasing
10 access to full-day kindergarten for more children statewide. Beginning
11 with the 2007-08 school year, agencies licensed under this chapter may
12 apply to the department of early learning for grant funding to operate
13 full-day kindergarten programs in communities where full-day
14 kindergarten is not available to all children through their resident
15 schools. An agency that receives funding under this section must agree
16 to and abide by the following conditions:

- 17 (1) Providing at least a one thousand-hour instructional program;
18 (2) Establishing a learning environment that is developmentally
19 appropriate and promotes creativity;

1 (3) Demonstrating strong connections and communication with other
2 early learning providers;

3 (4) Participating in kindergarten readiness activities with early
4 learning providers, parents, and local public schools;

5 (5) Providing experiences in science, social studies, arts, health
6 and physical education, and a language other than English; and

7 (6) Providing a curriculum that offers a rich, varied set of
8 experiences that assist students in:

9 (a) Developing initial skills in the academic areas of reading,
10 mathematics, and writing;

11 (b) Developing a variety of communication skills;

12 (c) Acquiring large and small motor skills; and

13 (d) Acquiring social and emotional skills, including successful
14 participation in learning activities as an individual and as part of a
15 group.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
17 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
18 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
19 void.

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