

# SENATE BILL No. 276

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-17.2-7.2.

**Synopsis:** Early education grant pilot program. Expands the prekindergarten pilot program (pilot program) to include five additional counties. Expands the requirement that the office of the secretary of family and social services carry out a longitudinal study of students who participate in the pilot program to include the students in the five additional counties. Establishes the prekindergarten pilot program fund. Makes an appropriation to the prekindergarten pilot program fund in an amount of \$20,000,000 from the state general fund for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17.2-7.2-4.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.7. As used in this chapter,**  
4 **"pilot fund" refers to the prekindergarten pilot program fund**  
5 **established by section 13.5 of this chapter.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-7.2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.202-2014,  
7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The office may establish a pilot program  
9 to provide grants for qualified early education services in a manner  
10 consistent with how funds are distributed under the Child Care and  
11 Development Fund (CCDF) grant program.

12 (b) The office shall administer the pilot program. The program may  
13 include eligible providers in not more than ~~five (5)~~ **ten (10)** counties.  
14 ~~In determining which counties are designated as pilot counties, the~~  
15 ~~office shall attempt to achieve diversity among the designated counties~~  
16 ~~based on the geographical location of the counties, the population of~~  
17 ~~the counties, and whether the counties are primarily rural or urban.~~ The



1 office shall ensure that the counties selected **under subsection (d)**  
 2 include a population of eligible children sufficient to conduct the  
 3 longitudinal study under section 12 of this chapter.

4 **(c) Before July 1, 2017, the pilot program includes eligible**  
 5 **providers in the following pilot counties:**

6 **(1) Allen.**

7 **(2) Jackson.**

8 **(3) Lake.**

9 **(4) Marion.**

10 **(5) Vanderburgh.**

11 **(d) After June 30, 2017, in addition to the counties listed in**  
 12 **subsection (c), the pilot program includes eligible providers located**  
 13 **in five (5) additional counties. In determining which counties are**  
 14 **designated as pilot counties under this subsection, the office shall**  
 15 **attempt to achieve diversity among the designated counties based**  
 16 **on the geographical location of the counties, the population of the**  
 17 **counties, and whether the counties are primarily rural or urban.**

18 **(e)** **(e)** Subject to the requirements of this chapter, the office shall  
 19 determine:

20 (1) the eligibility requirements, application process, and selection  
 21 process for awarding grants under the pilot program;

22 (2) the administration and reporting requirements for eligible  
 23 providers participating in the pilot program; and

24 (3) with the assistance of the early learning advisory committee,  
 25 an appropriate outcomes based accountability system for eligible  
 26 providers.

27 **(d)** **(f)** Before implementing the pilot program, the office shall  
 28 submit the provisions of the pilot program to the state board of  
 29 education for the state board of education's review and comment.

30 **(e)** **(g)** The office shall, subject to the availability of funding,  
 31 determine the number of eligible children who will participate in the  
 32 pilot program.

33 SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-7.2-8, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 34 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2017 GENERAL  
 35 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 36 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The office shall determine:

37 (1) which applicants shall be awarded a grant; and

38 (2) subject to subsection (b) and to the availability of funding, the  
 39 amount of each grant.

40 (b) At least ten percent (10%) but not more than fifty percent (50%)  
 41 of the tuition for eligible children under the pilot program during the  
 42 state fiscal year must be paid from donations, gifts, grants, bequests,



1 and other funds received from a private entity or person, from the  
 2 United States government, or from other sources (excluding funds from  
 3 a grant provided under this chapter and excluding other state funding).  
 4 The office may receive and administer grants on behalf of the pilot  
 5 program. The grants shall be distributed by the office to fulfill the  
 6 requirements of this subsection.

7 (c) The amount of a grant made under the pilot program to an  
 8 eligible child:

9 (1) must equal at least two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)  
 10 during the state fiscal year; and

11 (2) may not exceed six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$6,800)  
 12 during the state fiscal year.

13 (d) The total amount of grants provided from the funding under  
 14 section 9(a) of this chapter (before its repeal) that are awarded under  
 15 the pilot program in a state fiscal year may not exceed ten million  
 16 dollars (\$10,000,000):

17 SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-7.2-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 18 PASSAGE]. Sec. 9: (a) The pilot program, including the longitudinal  
 19 study under section 12 of this chapter, must be funded from one (1) or  
 20 both of the following:

21 (1) After review by the budget committee and approval by the  
 22 budget agency, from Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)  
 23 grant funding received from the United States government that is  
 24 designated by the budget agency as available for funding the pilot  
 25 program:

26 (2) After review by the budget committee and approval by the  
 27 budget agency, from amounts reverted in a state fiscal year from  
 28 funds appropriated to the divisions, departments, and bureaus  
 29 administered by the office that are designated by the budget  
 30 agency as available for funding the pilot program:

31 This subsection expires June 30, 2015:

32 (b) The amounts necessary to make the grants and pay the expenses  
 33 of the longitudinal study under section 12 of this chapter from funds  
 34 designated under subsection (a) are appropriated from the sources  
 35 described in subsection (a) for the state fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 36 2014, and ending June 30, 2015; for the purposes of the pilot program:

37 SECTION 5. IC 12-17.2-7.2-12, AS AMENDED BY THE  
 38 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2017 GENERAL  
 39 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 40 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) The office shall carry out a  
 41 longitudinal study of students who participate in the pilot program **in**  
 42 **the counties:**



1           **(1) listed under section 7(c) of this chapter; and**  
 2           **(2) selected under section 7(d) of this chapter;**  
 3 to determine the achievement levels of those students in kindergarten  
 4 and later grades.

5           (b) The longitudinal study must include a comparison of test and  
 6 assessment results in grade 3 of:

7           (1) the eligible children who participated in the pilot program;  
 8           and

9           (2) a control group determined by the office that consists of  
 10 children who did not participate in the pilot program.

11           (c) The office may, after consulting with the state board of  
 12 education, enter into a contract with one (1) or more persons to carry  
 13 out the longitudinal study under this section. The office may expend  
 14 not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the funds  
 15 appropriated under section 9 of this chapter (**repealed**) to carry out the  
 16 longitudinal study. ~~The amount expended to carry out the longitudinal~~  
 17 ~~study under this section is in addition to the ten million dollar~~  
 18 ~~(\$10,000,000) limit under section 8(d) of this chapter on the amount of~~  
 19 ~~grants under the pilot program in a state fiscal year.~~

20           SECTION 6. IC 12-17.2-7.2-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 21 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 13.5. (a) The prekindergarten**  
 23 **pilot program fund is established to:**

24           **(1) provide grants for qualified early education services in**  
 25 **counties described in section 7(c) and 7(d) of this chapter; and**  
 26 **(2) carry out the longitudinal study described in section 12 of**  
 27 **this chapter.**

28           **(b) The fund consists of:**

29           **(1) money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly;**  
 30           **and**

31           **(2) grants or gifts to the fund.**

32           **(c) The fund shall be administered by the office.**

33           **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**  
 34 **money in the fund.**

35           **(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
 36 **revert to the state general fund.**

37           **(f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 38 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 39 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

40           **(g) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the**  
 41 **purpose of this chapter.**

42           SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) There is**



1     **appropriated to the prekindergarten pilot program fund**  
2     **established by IC 12-17.2-7.2-13.5, as added by this act, from the**  
3     **state general fund the following:**  
4         **(1) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending**  
5         **June 30, 2018, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000).**  
6         **(2) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending**  
7         **June 30, 2019, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000).**  
8     **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2019.**  
9     **SECTION 8. An emergency is declared for this act.**

