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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 773, L.D. 1043, Bill, “An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs”

Amend the bill in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2020-2021" and inserting the following: '2023-2024'

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2020-2021" and inserting the following: '2023-2024'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "programs" the following: ', including funding options that will encourage school administrative units to implement new public preschool programs or expand existing public preschool programs'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that it is the goal of the State to provide adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year and requires the Department of Education to include in its funding recommendations funding options to encourage more public preschool programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT