

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.6, relating to the
3 establishment of the Mixed-Delivery Preschool Fund and Grant Program.

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5 Approved

[H 47]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.6 as follows:**

8 **§ 22.1-199.6. Mixed-Delivery Preschool Fund and Grant Program established.**

9 A. As used in this section, "mixed-delivery" includes public, nonsectarian private, and faith-based
10 early education programs.

11 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the
12 Mixed-Delivery Preschool Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established
13 on the books of the Comptroller. Any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, or other funds received on its
14 behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the
15 Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including
16 interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in
17 the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of awarding grants to successful
18 applicants under the Mixed-Delivery Preschool Grant Program. Expenditures and disbursements from
19 the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written
20 request signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

21 C. The Mixed-Delivery Preschool Grant Program is hereby established for the purpose of awarding
22 grants on a competitive basis to urban, suburban, and rural community applicants to field-test
23 innovative strategies and evidence-based practices that support a robust system of mixed-delivery
24 preschool services in the Commonwealth.

25 D. The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation shall administer a request for proposal process to
26 invite community applicants to respond with localized innovations and approaches to a system of
27 mixed-delivery preschool services.

28 E. Grants shall be awarded by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, in consultation with the
29 Department of Education, and the Foundation shall notify the Department of grant recipients. Priority
30 shall be given to applicants who (i) commit to pursuing models of local governance that promote the
31 successful mixed delivery of preschool services, (ii) compare classroom and child outcomes among
32 teachers with different credentials and qualifications, (iii) utilize incentives to encourage participation,
33 and (iv) utilize strategic assessment to discern student outcomes. Applicants may request and the Board
34 shall grant such waivers of regulations as are required to permit greater flexibility for the
35 mixed-delivery preschool services system.

36 F. Each grant recipient shall annually report on its mixed-delivery preschool services system to the
37 Chairmen of the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
38 Finance and Education and Health.

39 **2. That six two-year grants shall be awarded under the Mixed-Delivery Preschool Grant Program**
40 **in each year of the 2016-2018 biennium.**

41 **3. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2019.**