

## 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.*

4 [H 47]  
 5 Approved

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.**