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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 10, 1993

AN ACT

1 Providing for the establishment, implementation and
2 administration of a Head Start Supplemental Assistance
3 Program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Head Start
8 Supplemental Assistance Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) Project Head Start, a 25-year-old Federal program,
12 has been successful in preparing low-income preschool
13 children for integration into existing scholastic programs.

14 (2) By concentrating energies in the areas of education,
15 health, social services and parental involvement, Project
16 Head Start has prevented future social costs by correcting or

1 detecting a problem at its earliest and most easily solved
2 stage.

3 (3) Notwithstanding these outstanding achievements,
4 Project Head Start is currently estimated to be reaching only
5 55% of all eligible children within this Commonwealth.

6 (4) It is intended, through this legislative initiative,
7 that a supplemental financial assistance program be
8 established which will assist existing Head Start providers
9 to expand facilities and Head Start services to care for
10 additional eligible low-income children.

11 Section 3. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Department." The Department of Education of the
16 Commonwealth.

17 Section 4. Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program.

18 (a) Establishment.--The department shall, after consultation
19 with the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of
20 Health, establish, implement and administer a program consistent
21 with Federal Head Start standards to provide, by means of grants
22 or the purchase of service contracts, supplemental financial
23 assistance to the existing providers of Federal Head Start
24 services to enable them to provide additional Head Start
25 services to other eligible low-income children.

26 (b) Criteria.--The department, in awarding grants or
27 entering into contracts with existing Head Start providers,
28 shall apply the following criteria:

29 (1) The provider's ability to expand staff, space and
30 services to accommodate additional children.

1 (2) The provider's ability to provide 20% of the
2 approved costs of the programs or activities assisted under
3 this act from non-Federal and non-State sources. This 20%
4 contribution may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated,
5 including plant, equipment or services.

6 (3) The provider's past performance in providing a
7 quality Head Start Program to its clients.

8 (4) The need for additional Head Start services in the
9 provider's area, where need is to be determined by the
10 percentage of eligible children who are not served in the
11 area.

12 The department shall require the provider to meet the criteria
13 under paragraphs (1) and (2). Thereafter, the department shall
14 balance these criteria, giving equal emphasis to each one.

15 (c) Administration.--The department shall award the grants
16 or enter into contracts and may administer the Head Start
17 Supplemental Assistance Program or may contract with the Federal
18 regional office to administer the grant or contract with the
19 existing Head Start provider.

20 Section 5. Amount of supplemental assistance.

21 The department shall not award grants or enter into purchase
22 of service contracts in excess of \$5,000,000 for fiscal year
23 1993-1994.

24 Section 6. Rules and regulations.

25 The department shall promulgate the rules and regulations
26 that are necessary to establish, implement and administer the
27 Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program.

28 Section 7. Expiration.

29 This act shall expire June 30, 1994, unless extended by the
30 General Assembly.

1 Section 8. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.