

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

April 11, 2008  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB08-1021 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Education Committee Report, dated January 28, 2008, page  
2 2, after line 7, insert the following:

3 "after line 20, insert the following:

4 "(c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT,  
5 FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,  
6 PROVISIONS TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE HIGHLY ADVANCED GIFTED CHILDREN  
7 WHO ARE FOUR YEARS OF AGE AND FOR WHOM EARLY ACCESS TO  
8 KINDERGARTEN IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT OR  
9 WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND FOR WHOM EARLY ACCESS TO FIRST  
10 GRADE IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, ARE  
11 IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM AND  
12 EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN  
13 PROGRAMS AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE  
14 EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE  
15 STATE CONSTITUTION."";

16 after line 18 of the committee report, add the following:

17 "after line 26, insert the following:

18 "**SECTION 4. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
19 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state

1 education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state  
2 constitution not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,  
3 for assistance to public schools, public school finance, state share of  
4 districts' total program funding, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008,  
5 the sum of two hundred fifty-two thousand seven hundred ninety-nine  
6 dollars (\$252,799), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the  
7 implementation of this act."

8 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

9 Page 1, line 102, strike "AGE." and substitute "AGE, AND MAKING AN  
10 APPROPRIATION THEREFOR."."

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