

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2957

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

April 24

1 Delete lines 4 through 19 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund,**  
3 **the Department of Education shall award grants to enable school districts to provide at least**  
4 **one teacher for every 15 kindergarten students in schools that meet the requirements pre-**  
5 **scribed by subsection (2) of this section.**

6 **“(2) A grant awarded under this section may be used to provide at least one teacher for**  
7 **every 15 kindergarten students in a school if the school has:**

8 **“(a) A full-day kindergarten program;**

9 **“(b) Ninety percent or more of the students at the site eligible for free or reduced price**  
10 **lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture’s current Income Eligibility**  
11 **Guidelines; and**

12 **“(c) The classroom capacity to comply with the requirements of the grant.**

13 **“(3)(a) A school district that includes an elementary school that meets the requirements**  
14 **prescribed by subsection (2) of this section may apply to the Department of Education for a**  
15 **grant under this section. The school district may apply for a grant for one or more schools**  
16 **in the school district.**

17 **“(b) The department shall review and approve applications based on criteria established**  
18 **by the State Board of Education.**

19 **“(4) A school district shall deposit grant amounts received under this section in a sepa-**  
20 **rate account and shall apply the amounts in that account to provide at least one teacher for**  
21 **every 15 kindergarten students in a school for which the school district applied for the grant.**

22 **“(5) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration**  
23 **of this section.”.**

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