

Requested by Representative KENY-GUYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2957**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **“(b) The department shall review and approve applications based**

1 on criteria established by the State Board of Education.

2 “(4) A school district shall deposit grant amounts received under
3 this section in a separate account and shall apply the amounts in that
4 account to provide at least one teacher for every 15 kindergarten stu-
5 dents in a school for which the school district applied for the grant.

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

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