

By Representative Barreiro

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prekindergarten early
3 intervention programs; amending s. 230.2305,
4 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
5 develop legislation to expand the
6 prekindergarten early intervention program to
7 provide access to all 3-year old and 4-year old
8 children at no cost to the children's parents;
9 requiring a report; providing an appropriation;
10 providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of
15 section 230.2305, to read:

16 230.2305 Prekindergarten early intervention program.--
17 (6) FUNDING.--

18 (c) The Department of Education, in consultation with
19 the Department of Children and Family Services and the
20 Legislature, shall develop legislation to expand the
21 prekindergarten early intervention program to provide access
22 for all 3-year old and 4-year old children at no cost to the
23 children's parents. The Department of Education shall report
24 its recommendations to the Legislature, in the form of
25 legislation, no later than November 1, 1999.

26 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the
27 Department of Education an amount sufficient to carry out the
28 provisions of this act.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Legislature, to develop legislation to expand the prekindergarten early intervention program to provide access for all 3-year old and 4-year old children at no cost to the children's parents. Requires the Department of Education to report to the Legislature no later than November 1, 1999. Provides an appropriation.