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(a) The Department shall:

(1) As to each program receiving State funding:

- (i) Monitor its operations; and
- (ii) Evaluate annually its effectiveness.

(2) Review and either approve or disapprove the application for State funding of a proposal program.

(b) (1) The funding of an eligible program shall be a shared responsibility of this State and local education agencies.

(2) Each eligible program shall submit to the Department a proposed annual budget for review and approval, at the times that the Department specifies.

(3) The proposed budget of the Department shall list the eligible programs and estimate the amount of State funds to be allocated to each.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK FEDERAL FUNDS FOR YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION SCHOOL PROGRAMS UNDER THE GARRET LEE SMITH MEMORIAL ACT.

(c) The State funds designated for Youth Suicide Prevention School Programs may be included in the budgets of:

- (1) The Department; and
- (2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

**CHAPTER 404**

**(House Bill 935)**

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Causes - Child in Need of Assistance - Priority of Relatives as Caregivers**

FOR the purpose of requiring a local ~~county~~ department of social services to consider whether there is a relative who is able to provide supervision of a child alleged to be in need of assistance prior to placing the child in emergency shelter before a certain hearing; requiring that a local county department of social services to give a certain notice of a certain hearing be given to relatives of a child alleged to be in need of assistance; requiring a court to give priority to a child's relatives