

Reform on the Department's efforts and implementation plan to extend categorical eligibility for food stamps to households that receive or are authorized to receive services that are funded under the federal TANF Block Grant or State Maintenance of Effort Funds.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, contingent on federal legislation requiring the federal government to share in the cost of implementing a State pass through of child support payments to an individual receiving temporary cash assistance or relinquishing the right of the federal government to a portion of a child support payment subject to the pass through, on or before October 1, 2000, the Secretary of Human Resources shall submit a report to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, explaining any federal legislation enacted concerning the pass through of child support payments to an individual receiving temporary cash assistance. On or before December 15, 2000, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, recommending any legislation necessary to implement the provisions of this section relating to the pass through of child support payments.

SECTION 3. ~~9.~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 672

### (House Bill 1172)

AN ACT concerning

#### Education - Early Childhood Literacy - Grants

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to distribute certain grants to certain organizations to promote literacy at an early age; requiring an organization that is awarded a grant to use the grant for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include funding for the grants in the State budget; authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to grants for literacy at an early age.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 5-213

Annotated Code of Maryland

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