

(2) recordation taxes collected by the Department for which the statutory recordation tax rate was applied under § 12-103(e)(1)(iii) of this title shall be remitted to the counties in the ratio that the recordation tax collected in the prior fiscal year in each county bears to the total recordation tax collected in all counties in that year.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 680

(House Bill 1249)

AN ACT concerning

Judith P. Hoyer ~~Smart Start Initiative~~ Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Judith P. Hoyer ~~Smart Start Initiative~~, a grant program for early child care and education centers and education enhancement and the development of collaborative approaches for the delivery of full day early care and education and family support services; defining certain terms; designating the Department of Education as the agency supervising the grant program; requiring the Department to distribute the grant funds under the program created by this Act to local school systems on a competitive basis; limiting local school system use of funds to certain purposes; requiring the Department to select an evaluator through a competitive process to measure the effectiveness of the collaborations; requiring the Department to submit certain reports; prohibiting awards under this Act from supplanting other funding; and generally relating to the Judith P. Hoyer ~~Smart Start Initiative~~ and early child care and education centers and education enhancement grant funding Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program; providing that the Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget; providing that funds that are allocated to the Program in the State budget may be used for certain purposes; authorizing the Maryland State Department of Education to distribute grants to county boards of education for certain purposes under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to distribute grants to certain private entities for certain purposes under certain circumstances; establishing application procedures for the grants; authorizing the Department to distribute funds to a county board of education for the purpose of implementing a certain early childhood assessment system; establishing certain procedures and requirements relating to administration and evaluation of the Program; requiring that certain funds be appropriated for certain purposes in a certain fiscal year; providing that in a certain fiscal year a certain special fund may be used for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program.

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