

~~(J) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND SUPERVISE AN EVALUATOR WHO SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT AN EVALUATION PROCESS TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COLLABORATIONS.~~

~~(K) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:~~

~~(1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, A REPORT DESCRIBING THE PROGRESS AND THE EXPENDITURES OF THE FUND; AND~~

~~(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, A SEPARATE REPORT EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES BASED ON THE EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~

~~(L) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL EXISTING EARLY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS BE NAMED JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall include \$8 \$4 million in the fiscal year 2001 budget of the Department of Education to fund the grant program established by this Act.~~

(B) (1) THERE IS A JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL READINESS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO THE DELIVERY OF HIGH QUALITY, COMPREHENSIVE, FULL-DAY EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.

(C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) FUNDS THAT ARE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAM IN THE STATE BUDGET MAY BE USED:

(I) TO COVER THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM;

(II) FOR JUDY CENTER GRANTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

(III) FOR EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(IV) TO FUND THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE A JUDY CENTER GRANT TO A COUNTY BOARD IF THE COUNTY BOARD SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES: