

(L) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall include the following appropriations in the fiscal year 2001 budget of the Maryland State Department of Education to fund the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program established under this Act: (1) \$4,000,000 for Judy Center Grants; (2) \$1,000,000 for Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Grants to be awarded to providers of early child care and education services who have voluntarily obtained accreditation or have voluntarily initiated and are actively pursuing accreditation; (3) \$1,300,000 for statewide implementation of the Department's early childhood assessment system; and (4) \$700,000 to cover the costs incurred by the Department in implementing the Program.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 7-317(d) and (g) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in fiscal year 2001, the Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and Procurement Article may be used to fund implementation of the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program established under this Act. In fiscal year 2001, the Governor may transfer funds by budget amendment from the Cigarette Restitution Fund to the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of funding the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program in the amounts specified under Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 681

(House Bill 1250)

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture - Industrial Hemp - Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing a ~~4-year~~ 4 and one-half year pilot program to study the growth and marketing of industrial hemp; providing for the purposes of the pilot program; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the pilot program in consultation with certain State and federal agencies; requiring the Secretary to ensure safe cultivation of industrial hemp by conducting certain activities; providing that only State property may be used to grow industrial hemp; requiring the Department of Agriculture to certify and register the sites used for growing industrial hemp with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of State Police; authorizing the Department of State Police to access the property where industrial hemp is grown; restricting access to the property where industrial hemp is being grown; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture before the individual