



2018 Legislative Session Update

HB 10 - State Lottery - Unclaimed Prizes - Public Prekindergarten Programs (Still in House)

Requires the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, at the end of each fiscal year, to remit money in the unclaimed State lottery prize fund to the Comptroller for distribution to each county board of education in the State to use those funds for public prekindergarten programs. Distributions from the fund are supplemental and not intended to take the place of other funding.

HB 228 - Child Care Centers - Definition of Child Care (Still in House)

Adds “if custodial supervision is not the primary purpose of the activities being provided” to the definition of what child care does not mean with regard to scouting activities, activities provided by a sports business, or youth club activities.

The Department provided a Letter of Information to explain to the Committee why this bill potentially endangers children. The Office of Child Care has investigated one such “sports program” for providing illegal child care services and discovered the owner is a registered child pornographer. In another “sports program” the Office of Child Care (OCC) discovered the son of the owner was responsible for engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with a minor. During the investigation, the OCC discovered the son was not allowed in the facility as a term of probation and he was subsequently arrested.

HB 430 (SB 379)- Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Levels (Still in House)

Requires the Governor to provide funding to the Child Care Subsidy program at certain levels.

Fiscal year 2020 – Not less than the 30th percentile of the most recent market rate survey.

Fiscal year 2021 – Not less than the 45th percentile of the most recent market rate survey.

Fiscal year 2022 and every subsequent fiscal year – Not less than the 60th percentile of the most recent market rate survey.

HB 547 - Education - Head Start Program - Annual Appropriation (Still in House)

Requires the Governor to provide at least \$3 million to the Head Start Program annually.

SB 373 - Education - Head Start Program - Annual Appropriation (Crossed to House)

Renamed the Ulysses Currie Act in the Senate.



2018 Legislative Session Update

HB 1415/SB 1092 - Education - Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Still in House)

Establishes a Maryland Early Literacy Initiative within MSDE to assist up to 50 qualifying schools, in collaboration with a nonprofit organization, to implement an evidence-based literacy program in the school to work with participating students to meet literacy proficiency targets by the end of the 8th grade. The initiative is to be established in at least three counties and will be awarded as a grant.

Also requires the Governor to provide at least \$2.5 million to the Department for the initiative.

Also requires the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2020, and each fiscal year following, to annually appropriate an amount at least equal to the total amount of all funds received by the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program in the prior fiscal year.

HB 1476 - Education - Supplemental Prekindergarten Grant - Eligibility

Establishes “Tier I County Board” as a county board that makes a full-day public prekindergarten program available for all eligible children.

Establishes “Tier II County Board” as a county board that makes a full-day public prekindergarten program available to at least 50% of all eligible children.

Requires the State to provide a grant to Tier I and Tier II County Boards at certain funding levels.