

# ACT No. 223

HOUSE BILL NO. 395

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(D) and (E), relative to funding for early childhood  
3 education; to provide relative to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to  
4 provide relative to the use of money in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:407.30(D) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund

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10 D.(1)(a) The fund shall be administered by the State Board of Elementary  
11 and Secondary Education. Subject to legislative appropriation, monies monies in the  
12 fund shall be awarded annually to local entities approved by the board for the  
13 purpose of funding projects that will expand the number of early childhood care and  
14 education quality slots for families who are eligible for ~~through~~ the Child Care  
15 Assistance Program in Type III early learning centers that have at least one  
16 classroom with children age fifteen months or younger if a local entity provides  
17 funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources. No such award shall be made unless  
18 the local entity's financial commitment to the project proposed for funding provides  
19 matching funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources at a rate of at least ~~two to one~~  
20 one-to-one.

21 (b) Each local entity shall establish eligibility criteria for the early childhood  
22 care and education quality slots financed by local funds that serve as the match for

