

### 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

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### **ENROLLED**

1	the award. At a minimum, only children whose family income makes them
2	economically disadvantaged as defined by the board shall be eligible for the slots.
3	(2) If there is money in the fund after the board has funded every qualifying
4	project pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the board may award remaining
5	unallocated monies in the fund for the exclusive use of Type III early learning
6	centers to provide quality care for children who are ages birth through two and
7	whose parents are eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program. The board shall
8	consider the following in selecting the recipients of such an award: the Child Care
9	Assistance Program waitlist, child poverty rates, child care needs in terms of the
10	economic development needs of the parish where the center is located, and
11	increasing the availability of high quality early learning centers statewide.
12	E. If a local entity provides funding for the purpose of providing early
13	childhood care and education, the board may award additional funding in accordance
14	with the Child Care Assistance Program in the jurisdiction of the local entity. Any
15	such award shall not exceed fifty percent of the nonstate funds. Monies from the
16	fund shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant the amount appropriated to
17	the Child Care Assistance Program.
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## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

# GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_