

General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Proposed Bill No. 662



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by: SEN. MARONEY, 14th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD TRUST FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to establish an early childhood 2 trust fund to be administered by the State Treasurer, into which money 3 will be deposited from the budget surplus, a one-dollar-per-night 4 surplus on the room occupancy tax and any corporate or philanthropic 5 donations. Moneys in the fund shall be dispersed to (1) increase 6 compensation for providers of early childhood education, (2) fund a 7 pilot program in which the Office Workforce Strategy and the Office of 8 Early Childhood jointly identify early childhood education providers 9 with whom to share the cost of operating an early childhood education 10 program by dividing such cost by one-thirds between the state, the 11 provider and the families, (3) early childhood education providers as 12 incentive payments to fund innovative early childhood projects, and (4) 13 create a database on the Office of Early Childhood Internet web site.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an early childhood trust fund to fund increased compensation for early childhood education providers, a pilot program

to provide high-quality early childhood education, innovative early childhood projects and the building of a database on the Office of Early Childhood Internet web site.