

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### H 5065 General Bill, By Edge and Quinn

**Summary:** Establishment of the Office of Early Start to administer grants for four-year-old children to attend prekindergarten programs of parents' choice; provide for amount of funding, including provisions that certain portion comes from Education Lottery Account

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EDUCATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF EARLY START WHICH SHALL BE A SEPARATE AGENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT WHICH SHALL ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF GRANTS FOR THIS STATE'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN TO ATTEND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF THEIR PARENTS' CHOICES, AND TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THE FUNDING FOR THESE GRANTS INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT A CERTAIN PORTION SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT IN THE MANNER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 152 OF TITLE 59 RELATING TO FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS.

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