

## CHAPTER 97-46

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 442

An act relating to education; creating a pilot project to promote school readiness for preschool children; requiring a report; authorizing the use of certain funds; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Commissioner of Education may create a pilot program to promote school readiness for children ages two to five. The program must be provided through an existing early childhood program such as the Pre-kindergarten Early Intervention Program, the Head Start Program, the Title I program, a subsidized child-care program, or a private child-care program. The pilot program shall provide education for parents of preschool students in order to foster parental support for their children's success in school and in life.

Section 2. The Department of Education shall conduct an annual evaluation of the program to assess the children's progress and a longitudinal study to document the achievement of the students in elementary school.

Section 3. From Federal funds appropriated to the Department of Education, up to \$150,000 may be expended to fund the pilot program.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 7, 1997.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 7, 1997.