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S. 1722

To improve early education, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2011

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Early Learning
5 Proficiency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATING TITLE I GUIDANCE FOR PRESCHOOL-**
7 **AGED CHILDREN.**

8 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, each State that receives funds under the Ele-
10 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11 6301 et seq.) shall issue guidance to local educational
12 agencies regarding allowable uses of funds under part A

1 of title I of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) to serve
2 preschool-aged children.

3 **SEC. 3. PREKINDERGARTEN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 Section 3115(d)(4) of the Elementary and Secondary
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6825(d)(4)) is amended
7 by striking “elementary school” and inserting “prekinder-
8 garten, elementary school,”.

9 **SEC. 4. GUIDANCE ON USE OF TITLE III FUNDS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
12 shall issue guidance to local educational agencies on the
13 use of funds under title III of the Elementary and Sec-
14 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.)
15 for prekindergarten programs.

16 (b) CONTENT OF GUIDANCE.—The guidance under
17 subsection (a) shall promote the use by local educational
18 agencies of funds under part B of title III of the Elemen-
19 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
20 6891 et seq.) for early childhood professional development
21 systems, which systems have policies and resources that
22 are integrated across sectors, including Head Start pro-
23 grams, Early Head Start programs, center-based child
24 care programs, family child care programs, and State or

- 1 locally funded prekindergarten and early intervention pro-
- 2 grams.

