

**As Introduced**

**134th General Assembly**

**Regular Session**

**2021-2022**

**S. B. No. 318**

**Senator Fedor**

**Cosponsors: Senators Yuko, Maharath, Thomas, Williams, Sykes, Craig, Antonio**

---

**A BILL**

To require the establishment of a universal 1  
preschool program in the event that Congress 2  
appropriates funds for that purpose. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) In the event that Congress enacts Subtitle 4  
D, Section 23002 of the Build Back Better Act, H.R. 5376 of the 5  
117th Congress and appropriates funds for it, the Governor shall 6  
submit a plan for universal, high-quality, free, inclusive, and 7  
mixed delivery preschool services to the United States Secretary 8  
of Health and Human Services. The Governor shall submit that 9  
plan at such time, in the manner, and containing information as 10  
the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require. 11

(B) Not later than thirty days after the plan submitted 12  
pursuant to division (A) of this section is approved, the 13  
Governor shall designate a lead agency to administer the 14  
universal preschool program. 15

(C) The designated lead agency shall begin administering 16  
the universal preschool program not later than thirty days after 17  
funds are made available for that purpose. In addition to 18

|  |    |
|--|----|
| administering the program, the lead agency shall carry out all   | 19 |
| of the following activities:                                     | 20 |
| (1) Support a continuous quality improvement system              | 21 |
| through the use of data, researching, monitoring, training,      | 22 |
| technical assistance, professional development, and coaching to  | 23 |
| support providers participating or seeking to participate in the | 24 |
| universal preschool program and to support those providers in    | 25 |
| accordance with the federal act;                                 | 26 |
| (2) Provide outreach and enrollment support for families         | 27 |
| of eligible children, including specific outreach to families of | 28 |
| underserved populations;   | 29 |
| (3) Support data systems building;                               | 30 |
| (4) Support staff of eligible providers in pursuing              | 31 |
| credentials and degrees, including baccalaureate degrees;        | 32 |
| (5) Support activities that ensure access to inclusive           | 33 |
| preschool programs for children with disabilities, including, as | 34 |
| applicable, activities that redesign or restructure existing     | 35 |
| preschool programs, as of the date of the activity, to improve   | 36 |
| inclusive services for children with disabilities;               | 37 |
| (6) Provide age-appropriate transportation services for          | 38 |
| children, which at a minimum shall include transportation        | 39 |
| services for children experiencing homelessness and children in  | 40 |
| foster care;   | 41 |
| (7) Conduct or update the statewide needs assessment used        | 42 |
| for purposes of the federal act.                                 | 43 |