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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