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Overview

Amends the definition of “child with a disability” to include children with diagnosed conditions likely to result in a delay and children who may develop such conditions due to homelessness. Appropriates funds for training.

Section

- 1 Children under age three experiencing developmental delays.** Includes within the definition of “child with a disability” a child under age 3 eligible for special instruction and services with a diagnosed condition likely to result in a delay, whether or not the child currently demonstrates a need for special instruction and services or a delay, or a child who may develop a diagnosed condition due to homelessness.
- 2 Children ages three through seven experiencing developmental delays.** Allows local districts to define “child with a disability” to include children between 3 and 7 who need special instruction and services under commissioner-developed rules because of a substantial delay or diagnosed conditions likely to result in a delay, regardless of whether the child currently demonstrates a need or delay.
- 3 Appropriation; homelessness.** Appropriates \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the Department of Education for training on homelessness for state and local Part C early intervention staff and interagency early intervention committees.