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BILL: Senate Bill 373
TITLE: Education – Head Start Program – Annual Appropriation (The Ulysses Currie Act)
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Senate Bill 373 requires the Governor to include an appropriation of at least \$3,000,000 for the Head Start Program in each annual budget submission.

PSSAM fully **supports** Senate Bill 373.

PSSAM wants to thank the sponsor for introducing Senate Bill 373. We are grateful for the appropriation of at least \$3,000,000 for the Head Start Program.

During the past several years a top legislative priority for local superintendents has been to advocate for early childhood education programs, especially for our most vulnerable children. As educators, we recognize and validate the research that supports early childhood education and the future impact it has on our youngest students to stay on track, complete high school, and be college and career ready upon graduation. From a fiscal standpoint, the long-term return on investment is well worth the expenditure.

For the reasons stated above, PSSAM fully **supports** Senate Bill 373 and urges a favorable committee report.