Overview

This bill appropriates TANF funds for fiscal years 2001 to 2003 for competitive grants to increase services for and participation of low-income families in early childhood family education.

1 **TANF appropriations.** Appropriates $5,000,000 each year for fiscal years 2001 to 2003 to the commissioner of human services from the TANF block grant for transfer to the department of children, families, and learning. Requires the funds be used for competitive grants to increase services for and participation of low-income families in early childhood family education. Requires grants to be used for services for families with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty rate. Requires grants to be awarded to programs that cooperate with local Head Start programs in serving low-income children and families. Requires priority be given to areas of the state with the highest concentration of unserved or underserved children. Requires grantees to submit applications with detailed plans describing the cooperative programming. Allows the commissioner to make grants renewable for up to three years. Requires the commissioner to monitor how effectively the grantees are meeting the cooperation and programming goals.