



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5701

Introduced 2/19/2026, by Rep. Robyn Gabel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Early Childhood for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as follows:

General Funds	\$2,087,963,000
Other State Funds	\$299,200,000
Federal Funds	<u>\$2,037,234,200</u>
Total	\$4,424,397,200

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1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 ARTICLE 1

5 Section 5. The sum of \$89,757,700, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
7 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood to meet its ordinary
8 and contingent expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2027.

10 Section 10. The sum of \$176,891,900, or so much thereof as
11 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
12 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants and
13 administrative expenses associated with Early Intervention.

14 Section 15. The sum of \$28,426,300, or so much thereof as
15 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
16 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants and
17 administrative expenses associated with maternal and child
18 home visiting programs, pursuant to Section 15-10 of the
19 Department of Early Childhood Act.

20 Section 20. The sum of \$650,000, or so much thereof as may

1 be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
 2 the Department of Early Childhood for grants and
 3 administrative expenses associated with All Our Kids.

4 Section 25. The sum of \$748,138,100, or so much thereof as
 5 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 6 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for the purposes of
 7 early childhood education.

8 Section 30. The sum of \$832,099,000, or so much thereof as
 9 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 10 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for income
 11 assistance and related distributive purposes, including such
 12 Federal funds as are made available by the Federal Government
 13 for the following purposes:

14 For grants and administrative expenses
 15 associated with Child Care Services, including
 16 prior years' costs 832,099,000

17 Section 35. The sum of \$212,000,000, or so much thereof as
 18 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 19 Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants and
 20 administrative expenses of the SMART Start Program, in the
 21 approximate amounts below:

22 For SMART Start Workforce Grants.....200,000,000
 23 For SMART Start Quality Contracts.....10,000,000

1 For SMART Start Early Childhood
 2 Apprentice Program.....2,000,000

3 Section 40. The sum of \$1,900,000, or so much thereof as
 4 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Off-Hours Child
 5 Care Program Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for
 6 costs associated with the Off-Hours Child Care Program Act.

7 Section 45. The sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may
 8 be necessary, is appropriated from the Early Intervention
 9 Services Revolving Fund to the Department of Early Childhood
 10 for refunds.

11 Section 50. The sum of \$275,000,000, or so much thereof as
 12 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Early Intervention
 13 Services Revolving Fund to the Department of Early Childhood
 14 for the Early Intervention Services Program, including prior
 15 years' costs.

16 Section 55. The sum of \$2,000,000,000, or so much thereof
 17 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Child Care
 18 Assistance Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for
 19 grants and administrative expenses associated with the Child
 20 Care Assistance Program and other childcare related services
 21 and programs, including prior years' costs.

1 Section 60. The sum of \$2,505,000, or so much thereof as
2 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Federal Agency
3 Services Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants
4 and administrative expenses associated with maternal and child
5 home visiting programs, pursuant to Section 15-10 of the
6 Department of Early Childhood Act.

7 Section 65. The sum of \$6,200,000, or so much thereof as
8 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Federal Agency
9 Services Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants
10 and administrative expenses associated with the Great START
11 Program.

12 Section 70. The sum of \$5,422,400, or so much thereof as
13 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Federal Agency
14 Services Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants
15 and administrative expenses associated with Migrant Child Care
16 Services, including prior years' costs.

17 Section 75. The sum of \$21,006,800, or so much thereof as
18 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Federal Agency
19 Services Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants
20 and administrative expenses associated with MIEC Home Visiting
21 Program.

22 Section 80. The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may

1 be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Federal Agency
2 Services Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for grants
3 and administrative expenses associated with Head Start State
4 Collaboration.

5 Section 85. The sum of \$20,000,000, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Special
7 Projects Fund to the Department of Early Childhood to be
8 expended under the terms and conditions associated with the
9 monies being received, including prior years' costs.

10 Section 90. The sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as
11 may be necessary, is appropriated from the DEC Recoveries
12 Trust Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for refunds.

13 ARTICLE 2

14 Section 5. The sum of \$1,600,000, or so much thereof as may
15 be necessary, is appropriated from the State Coronavirus
16 Urgent Remediation Emergency Fund to the Department of Early
17 Childhood for grants and administration expenses associated
18 with Parents Too Soon/Maternal and Child Home Visiting Program
19 and Healthy Families, including but not limited to, for
20 purposes permitted by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan
21 Act of 2021 and related federal guidance, including prior
22 years' costs.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2026.