

NCSL Early Learning Fellows Early Learning Collaborative Act



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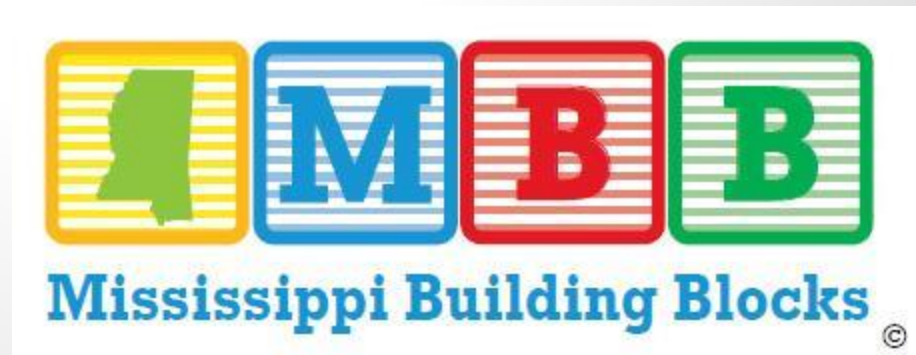
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➤ Where we stood:

“SILOS and CRABS”

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- Last state in the South to have such a program:
 - "Red States" AL, LA, TN, GA, S.C, FL, OK all have such a program
- Planning long term: Jobs are changing!
 - American companies want and need employees who are critical thinkers
 - Critical thinking skills highly developed 0-5
- 2013 studies from different states prove high quality, sustained early ed. raises achievement

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- Voluntary
- 4 year olds

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- To participate, have to adhere to raised standards and high quality
- State will match 1/2 of per child funding if all requirements met.
 - Investors in collaboratives will get tax breaks
- Funded at \$3 million this year

FUTURE INCREASED FUNDING DEPENDS ON SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION!

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☐ Minimum Requirements:

☐ Collaborative

☐ Lead Partner

☐ Research-based curriculum

☐ Quality classroom of nationally accepted standards

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(iv) Early learning collaboratives shall match

271 state funds on a 1:1 basis. [Local matching funds may include](#)

[272 local tax dollars, federal dollars as allowed, parent tuition,](#)

[273 philanthropic contributions, or in-kind donations of facilities,](#)

[274 equipment and services required as part of the program such as](#)

[275 food service or health screenings.](#)

BROADLY WRITTEN!

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

BRING IN THOSE PARTNERS!

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(1) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
901 imposed by Section 27-7-5 the amount of the qualified
902 prekindergarten program support contributions paid to approved
903 providers, lead partners or collaboratives, not to exceed One
904 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), by any individual, corporation or
905 other entity having taxable income under the laws of this state
906 during calendar year 2013 or during any calendar year thereafter.
907 In order to qualify for a tax credit, such contributions may
908 support the local match requirement of approved providers, lead
909 partners or collaboratives as is necessary to match
910 state-appropriated funds, and any such providers, lead partners or
911 collaboratives shall be approved by the State Department of
912 Education.

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THE POLITICS!

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Opposition:

- ❑ From “right”: Tea Party/libertarian/anti-big government/home school
- ❑ From “left”: Childcare providers comfy with status quo/cont’d blank checks/MAEP full-funders

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Coalition of support:

- Business (MS Economic Council)
- Clergy
- Military
- Parents
 - Younger generation
- Law enforcement
- Senate Leadership

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Passage:

- ❑ Press conference with Lt. Gov. and Speaker of the House (Republicans) surrounded by state-wide business leaders
- ❑ Sponsored by Chmn of Ed. and myself (Republicans)
- ❑ Secured support of House and Senate Democrats and Black Caucus

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Passage:

- ❑ Secured support for \$: Lt. Gov., Chmn. Appropriations House and Senate
- ❑ Publicized the children
- ❑ Counted votes to insure $\frac{3}{5}$
- ❑ Played defense against Governor's rumored veto

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THANK YOU!