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**Draft Bill Language for Summer Connection Grants and Summer
Partnership Expansion Grants**

Sec. 1. SUMMER CONNECTION GRANTS AND SUMMER
PARTNERSHIP EXPANSION GRANTS

(a) Summer Connection Grants.

(1) The Summer Connection Grants Program is created and shall be administered by the Department for Children and Families in the Agency of Human Services through the Afterschool for All Program. The Department shall award this grant funding to existing afterschool and summer programs that meet the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Recipients shall use this grant funding to support learning, behavioral health needs, and parent and family involvement of vulnerable student populations and may use this funding for related transportation, staffing, supplies, enrichment activities, and professional development.

(3) Each grant shall be in the amount of not more than \$20,000.00, and the Department shall award grants to existing afterschool and summer programs. Not more than \$1,500,000.00 shall be available for the Summer Connection Grants Program.

1 (b) Summer Partnership Expansion Grants.

2 (1) The Summer Partnership Expansion Grants Program is created and
3 shall be administered by the Department for Children and Families in the
4 Agency of Human Services through the Afterschool for All Program. The
5 Department shall award this grant funding to assist a school, non-profit
6 organization, town recreation center, or licensed child care center collaborating
7 with a school in starting a summer program in communities that do not
8 currently have an established, low-cost summer program and that will meet the
9 requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

10 (2) Recipients shall use this grant funding to support learning,
11 behavioral health needs, and parent and family involvement of vulnerable
12 student populations and may use this funding for related transportation,
13 staffing, supplies, enrichment activities, and professional development.

14 (3) Each grant shall be in the amount of not more than \$50,000.00, and
15 the Department shall award grants to establish new summer programs. Not
16 more than \$2,500,000.00 shall be available for the Summer Partnership
17 Expansion Grants.

18 (c) Requirements for Summer Connection Grants and Summer Partnership
19 Expansion Grants.

20 (1) Recipients of grant funding under subsections (a) or (b) of this
21 section shall:

1 (A) be a school, non-profit organization, town recreation center, or
2 licensed child care center;

3 (B) offer programming at low or no cost to parents and families;

4 (C) operate for a minimum of five weeks, for full day (eight hours
5 per day), and for five days per week;

6 (D) provide healthy snacks and meals; and

7 (E) include outdoor activities and enrichment.

8 (2) Recipients of grant funding under subsection (a) or (b) of this section
9 are encouraged to:

10 (A) integrate social and emotional learning;

11 (B) provide science, technology, engineering, and math
12 programming; and

13 (C) provide at least two hours per day of math and literacy instruction
14 by qualified instructors.

15 (d) Unused funding. Any unused funding under this section shall remain in
16 the Afterschool for All Program and may be used for grants to expand access
17 to afterschool programs during the school year.