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**Draft Education 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 Agency of Education. The Agency 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 collaborate with schools 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 \$10,000.00 and the Agency shall award grants to up to 150 existing afterschool and summer programs.

(b) Summer Partnership Expansion Grants.

1 (1) The Summer Partnership Expansion Grants Program is created and
2 shall be administered by the Agency of Education. The Agency shall award
3 this grant funding to assist a school, non-profit organization, town recreation
4 center, or licensed childcare center closely partnered with a school in starting a
5 summer program in communities that do not currently have 21C funding or an
6 established, low-cost summer program and that will meet the requirements of
7 subsection (c) of this section.

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

13 (3) Each grant shall be in the amount of \$50,000.00 and the Agency
14 shall award grants to establish up to 50 new summer programs.

15 (c) Requirements for Summer Connection Grants and Summer Partnership
16 Expansion Grants.

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

19 (A) be a school, non-profit organization, town recreation center, or
20 licensed childcare center closely partnered with a school;

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

- 1 (C) operate for a minimum of five weeks, for full day (eight hours
2 per day), and for five days per week;
- 3 (D) provide healthy snacks and meals;
- 4 (E) integrate social and emotional learning and science, technology,
5 engineering, and math programming; and
- 6 (F) include outdoor activities and enrichment.
- 7 (2) Recipients of grant funding under subsections (a) or (b) of this
8 section are encouraged to use qualified instructors to provide at least two hours
9 per day of math and literacy instruction.