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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~~ **Department for Children and Families in the Agency of Human Services through the Afterschool for All Program.** The ~~Agency~~ **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 ~~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~~ **up for \$20,000** and the ~~Agency~~ **Department** shall award grants to ~~up to 150~~ existing afterschool

1 and summer programs. **Up to \$1,500,000.00 shall be available for the**  
2 **Summer Connection Grants Program.**

3 (b) Summer Partnership Expansion Grants.

4 (1) The Summer Partnership Expansion Grants Program is created and  
5 shall be administered by the ~~Agency of Education~~ **Department for Children**  
6 **and Families in the Agency of Human Services through the Afterschool**  
7 **for All Program.** The ~~Agency~~ **Department** shall award this grant funding to  
8 assist a school, non-profit organization, town recreation center, or licensed  
9 childcare center ~~closely partnered~~ **collaborating** with a school in starting a  
10 summer program in communities that do not currently have ~~21C funding or an~~  
11 established, low-cost summer program and that will meet the requirements of  
12 subsection (c) of this section.

13 (2) Recipients shall use this grant funding ~~to collaborate with schools to~~  
14 support learning, behavioral health needs, and parent and family involvement  
15 of vulnerable student populations, and may use this funding for related  
16 transportation, staffing, supplies, enrichment activities, and professional  
17 development.

18 (3) Each grant shall be in the amount of **up to** \$50,000.00 and the  
19 ~~Agency~~ **Department** shall award grants to establish ~~up to 50~~ new summer  
20 programs. **Up to \$2,500,000.00 shall be available for the Summer**  
21 **Partnership Expansion Grants.**

1 (c) Requirements for Summer Connection Grants and Summer Partnership  
2 Expansion Grants.

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

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

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

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

10 (D) provide healthy snacks and meals;

11 ~~(E) integrate social and emotional learning and science, technology,~~  
12 ~~engineering, and math programming;~~ and

13 ~~(F)~~ E) include outdoor activities and enrichment.

14 (2) Recipients of grant funding under subsections (a) or (b) of this  
15 section are encouraged **to integrate social and emotional learning and**

16 **science, technology, engineering, and math programming and to** use

17 qualified instructors to provide at least two hours per day of math and literacy  
18 instruction.

19 **Any unused dollars will stay in the Afterschool for All Program and**  
20 **can be used for grants to expand access to afterschool programs during**  
21 **the school year.**