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TO: Speaker of the House Joe Tate
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CC: House and Senate Fiscal Agencies
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FROM: Michelle Richard, Acting Director
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SUBJECT: FY 2023-2024 Great Start Readiness Program / Head Start Waiver Legislative
Report (Public Act 103 of 2023)

MiLEAP is proud to lead the state's implementation of PreK for All and continue to expand access to the state's nationally recognized four-year-old preK program, the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP).

Pursuant to the State School Aid Act, Public Act 103 of 2023, section 32d(7), the following is required:

Compile, by ISD or consortium, the number and type of waiver requested and approved for grant recipients to align GSRP policies and regulations with Head Start national standards for quality.

MiLEAP received one waiver request that is approved for the period of reporting, as of March 1st, 2024:

- Kent Intermediate School District (ISD) requested to waive the GSRP requirement of a maximum of 16 children and 2 adults in a classroom to be aligned with the federal Head Start Performance Standard of a maximum of 20 children and 2 adults in a classroom. Kent ISD was approved, and voluntarily proposed providing 3 adults with a maximum classroom of 20 children as part of the waiver agreement.