

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3782

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2009

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Universal Prekinder-  
5       garten and Early Childhood Education Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER FUNDS**  
2 **FOR PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 4205 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7175) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
6 section (c); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(b) PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—In addition to the ac-  
11 tivities authorized under subsection (a), a local edu-  
12 cational agency that receives an award under this  
13 part may use the award for educational activities for  
14 children 4 years of age or younger if the agency  
15 agrees to phase in, where possible, a prekindergarten  
16 program.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-  
18 section, the term ‘prekindergarten program’ means a  
19 program that—

20 “(A) provides a prekindergarten cur-  
21 riculum in classrooms at public elementary  
22 schools for students 4 years of age or younger;  
23 and

24 “(B) is taught by teachers who possess  
25 equivalent or similar qualifications to those of

1 teachers of other grades in the school in-  
2 volved.”.

