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26-10-5.5 Child literacy -- Distribution of information kits.

- (1) The Legislature recognizes that effective child literacy programs can have a dramatic long-term impact on each child's ability to:
 - (a) succeed in school;
 - (b) successfully compete in a global society; and
 - (c) become a productive, responsible citizen.
- (2)
 - (a) To help further this end, the department may make available to parents of new-born infants, as a resource, an information kit regarding child development, the development of emerging literacy skills, and activities which promote and enhance emerging literacy skills, including reading aloud to the child on a regular basis.
 - (b) The department shall seek private funding to help support this program.
- (3)
 - (a) The department may seek assistance from the State Board of Education and local hospitals in making the information kit available to parents on a voluntary basis.
 - (b) The department may also seek assistance from private entities in making the kits available to parents.

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