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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee  
2 Representative Coley offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 107-230 and insert:

6 (b) "At-risk child" means:

7 1. A child from a family under investigation for child  
8 abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation by the Department  
9 of Children and Family Services or a designated sheriff's  
10 office.

11 2. A child in a diversion program provided by the  
12 Department of Children and Family Services or its contracted  
13 provider who is from a family that is actively participating and  
14 complying in department-prescribed activities, including  
15 education, health services, or work.

16 3. A child from a family that is under supervision by the  
17 Department of Children and Family Services or a contracted  
18 service provider for abuse, neglect, abandonment, or  
19 exploitation.

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20 4. A child placed in court-ordered, long-term custody or  
21 under the guardianship of a relative or nonrelative after  
22 termination of supervision by the Department of Children and  
23 Family Services or its contracted provider.

24 (c) "Authorized hours of care" means the hours of care  
25 that are necessary to provide protection or complete work  
26 activities or eligible educational activities, including  
27 reasonable travel time.

28 (d) "Earned income" means gross remuneration derived from  
29 work, professional service, or self-employment. The term  
30 includes commissions, bonuses, back pay awards, and the cash  
31 value of all remuneration paid in a medium other than cash.

32 (e) "Economically disadvantaged" means having a family  
33 income that does not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty  
34 level.

35 (f) "Family income" means the combined gross income,  
36 whether earned or unearned, that is derived from any source by  
37 all family or household members who are 18 years of age or older  
38 and currently residing together in the same dwelling unit. The  
39 term does not include income earned by a currently enrolled high  
40 school student who, since attaining the age of 18 years, has not  
41 terminated school enrollment or received a high school diploma,  
42 high school equivalency diploma, special diploma, or certificate  
43 of high school completion. The term also does not include food  
44 stamp benefits or federal housing assistance payments issued  
45 directly to a landlord or the associated utilities expenses.

46 (g) "Family or household members" means spouses, former  
47 spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are

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48 parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have  
49 been married, and other persons who are currently residing  
50 together in the same dwelling unit as if a family.

51 (h) "Full-time care" means at least 6 hours, but not more  
52 than 11 hours, of child care or early childhood education  
53 services within a 24-hour period.

54 (i) "Gold Seal premium percentage" means a specified  
55 percentage provided in the General Appropriations Act that, for  
56 a school readiness provider that has the Gold Seal Quality Care  
57 designation under s. 402.281, is applied to the provider's  
58 adjusted payment rate.

59 (j) "In loco parentis" means acting as a child's temporary  
60 guardian.

61 (k) "Market rate" means the price that a child care or  
62 early childhood education provider charges for full-time or  
63 part-time daily, weekly, or monthly child care or early  
64 childhood education services.

65 (l) "Office" means the Office of Early Learning of the  
66 Department of Education.

67 (m) "Parent" means a parent by blood, marriage, or  
68 adoption; a legal guardian; or another person standing in loco  
69 parentis.

70 (n) "Part-time care" means less than 6 hours of child care  
71 or early childhood education services within a 24-hour period.

72 (o) "Prevailing market rate" means the biennially  
73 determined statewide median of the market rate for child care  
74 and early childhood education services.

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75 (p) "Unearned income" means income other than earned  
76 income. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- 77 1. Documented alimony and child support received.
- 78 2. Social security benefits.
- 79 3. Supplemental security income benefits.
- 80 4. Workers' compensation benefits.
- 81 5. Unemployment compensation benefits.
- 82 6. Veterans' benefits.
- 83 7. Retirement benefits.
- 84 8. Temporary cash assistance under chapter 414.
- 85 9. Military housing assistance under the federal Family  
86 Subsistence Supplemental Allowance Program.

87 (q) "Working family" means:

- 88 1. A single-parent family in which the parent with whom  
89 the child resides is employed or engaged in eligible education  
90 activities for at least 20 hours per week;
- 91 2. A two-parent family in which both parents with whom the  
92 child resides are each employed or engaged in eligible education  
93 activities for at least 20 hours per week; or
- 94 3. A family in which the parents, as prescribed by rule of  
95 the Office of Early Learning, are exempt from work requirements  
96 due to age or a disability as determined and documented by a  
97 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

98 (4)-(3) PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL READINESS  
99 PROGRAMS.—This section does not:

100 (a) Relieve parents and guardians of their own obligations  
101 to prepare their children for school; or

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102 (b) Create any obligation to provide publicly funded  
103 school readiness programs or services beyond those authorized by  
104 the Legislature.

105 (5) ~~(4)~~ OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
106 EDUCATION.—

107 (a) The Office of Early Learning shall administer school  
108 readiness programs at the state level and shall coordinate with  
109 the early learning coalitions in providing school readiness  
110 services ~~on a full-day, full-year, full-choice basis to the~~  
111 ~~extent possible in order~~ to enable parents to work and be  
112 financially self-sufficient.

113 (b) The Office of Early Learning shall:

114 1. Coordinate the birth-to-kindergarten services for  
115 children who are eligible under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~ and the  
116 programmatic, administrative, and fiscal standards under this  
117 ~~chapter section~~ for all ~~public~~ providers of school readiness  
118 programs.

119 2. Focus on improving the educational quality of all  
120 program providers participating in publicly funded school  
121 readiness programs.

122 3. Provide comprehensive services to ~~the state's birth-to-~~  
123 ~~5 population, which shall~~ ensure the preservation of parental  
124 choice by permitting parents to choose from a variety of child  
125 care categories, including: center-based child care; group home  
126 child care; family child care; and in-home child care. Care and  
127 curriculum by a sectarian provider may not be limited or  
128 excluded in any of these categories.

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129 (c) The Governor shall designate the Office of Early  
130 Learning as the lead agency for administration of the federal  
131 Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. parts 98 and 99, and  
132 the office shall comply with the lead agency responsibilities  
133 under federal law.

134 (d) The Office of Early Learning shall:

135 1. Be responsible for the prudent use of all public and  
136 private funds in accordance with all legal and contractual  
137 requirements.

138 2. Provide final approval and every 2 years review early  
139 learning coalitions and school readiness plans.

140 3. Establish a unified approach to the state's efforts  
141 toward enhancement of school readiness. In support of this  
142 effort, the Office of Early Learning shall adopt specific system  
143 support services that address the state's school readiness  
144 programs, and each. ~~An early learning coalition shall implement~~  
145 ~~amend its school readiness plan to conform to the specific~~  
146 ~~system support services in its school readiness plan as provided~~  
147 ~~in subparagraph (6)(c)2. adopted by the Office of Early~~  
148 ~~Learning. System support services shall include, but are~~

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