

## Committee on Education Pre-K -12

### **CS/SB 1102 — School Readiness Program**

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Calatayud

The bill expands eligibility criteria for children with special needs served in the School Readiness (SR) program. The bill expands the individuals who can determine and provide documentation of a child's special needs and allows additional documentation, rather than only an individual education plan, to determine eligibility for the SR program, to include an Individualized Family Support Plan, diagnosis of a special need, or written determination by certain medical professionals.

The bill provides specific criteria for SR providers to be eligible to receive additional funding through the special needs differential rating for serving children with special needs. The criteria include meeting the minimum program assessment score for SR contracting, targeted training for working with children with special needs within a specified timeframe, and subsequent relevant training to maintain eligibility.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 116-0*