

Bill No. CS for SB 1504

Amendment No.

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Senator Holzendorf moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 25, between lines 3 and 4,

insert:

Section 15. The Legislature establishes pilot programs in three school districts to provide feeder-pattern transition programs for children entering elementary school. The program shall foster a smooth transition from early education and child care programs to kindergarten, and from kindergarten to first grade, for all the children of the districts in which the pilot program is located. A pilot program shall be established in one rural school district, one urban school district, and one suburban school district.

Section 16. The goal of the pilot programs is to prepare children to enter school with confidence and to succeed in kindergarten and first grade. To achieve this goal, the following elements must be part of the feeder-pattern transition program:

- (1) The child care centers and preschool programs that

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1 serve each elementary school must plan and coordinate
2 activities within the feeder pattern for that school.

3 (2) Private preschool and kindergarten providers must
4 be invited to participate.

5 (3) The program must provide an orientation program
6 for children at each ascending level, from preschool and child
7 care programs to kindergarten and from kindergarten to first
8 grade.

9 (4) A method for data exchange among programs and
10 schools at the different levels must be established.

11 (5) There must be joint planning and staff development
12 of service providers, including public schools, for the
13 activities of the program.

14 (6) Providers of kindergarten and first grade programs
15 must agree on goals and strategies that create a smooth
16 transition for children from the playful orientation of
17 kindergarten to the more structured activities of first grade.

18 Section 17. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated for
19 fiscal year 1999-2000 from nonrecurring General Revenue funds
20 to the Department of Education to implement the provisions of
21 sections 15 and 16 of this act.

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23 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 2, line 4, after the semicolon

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30 insert:

31 creating pilot programs to provide for planning

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among schools in a common feeder system;
providing an appropriation;