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Senator Holzendorf moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 3, between lines 26 and 27,

insert:

Section 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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 2 and 3 of this act.

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23 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 On page 1, line 5, after the semicolon,

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30 insert:

31 creating pilot programs to provide for planning

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