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The Committee on Education (Lynn) recommended the following
substitute for amendment (112644):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 10, between lines 16 and 17,

insert:

10.a. An early learning coalition may provide non-direct services using staff employed by the coalition or by contracting with a vendor. However, a coalition may not provide non-direct services using staff employed by the coalition unless the coalition issues a competitive solicitation under s. 287.057 and one of the following applies:

(I) Fewer than two vendors submit responses determined to be acceptable in accordance with the criteria set forth in the solicitation;

(II) The Agency for Workforce Innovation determines that the coalition's use of staff employed by the coalition would result in the best value to the state compared to the coalition's contracting with the vendor whose response was

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1 determined by the coalition, among those responses received,
2 to result in the best value to the state; or

3 (III) The non-direct services are provided using
4 sources other than state or federal school readiness funds or
5 are provided using school readiness funds matched by local
6 funds derived from a county, municipality, charitable
7 foundation, or other sources.

8 b. As used in this subparagraph, the term "non-direct
9 services" means eligibility determination for school readiness
10 services, child care resource and referral, health screening,
11 developmental screening, payment of providers for school
12 readiness services, monitoring of child attendance in the
13 school readiness program, monitoring of providers for
14 compliance with school readiness program requirements, system
15 support and direct enhancement services to families and
16 children, and technical assistance and training for school
17 readiness providers. The term does not include inclusion
18 services for children with disabilities, including, but not
19 limited to, training of providers on methods and strategies to
20 effectively serve children with disabilities. The term also
21 does not include the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
22 Program.

23 c. Sub-subparagraph a. does not apply to an early
24 learning coalition until July 1, 2008, if:

25 (I) On May 1, 2005, the coalition was providing
26 non-direct services using staff employed by the coalition; or

27 (II) On or before May 1, 2005, the coalition notified
28 the Agency for Workforce Innovation and each of its vendors of
29 non-direct services in writing that the coalition is not
30 renewing the contract.

31 d. This subparagraph does not apply to non-direct

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1 services provided by a county or municipality under contract
2 with an early learning coalition.

3 e. An early learning coalition, in order to continue
4 using staff employed by the coalition to provide non-direct
5 services, at least once every 3 years, must issue a
6 competitive solicitation in accordance with sub-subparagraph
7 a.

8 f. The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt
9 rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this
10 subparagraph.

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14 And the title is amended as follows:

15 On page 1, line 8, after the semicolon,

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17 insert:

18 requiring early learning coalitions to
19 competitively solicit non-direct services

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