

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The PreK-12 Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to early learning; requiring a study by
7 the Florida Early Learning Advisory Council, in
8 conjunction with the Agency for Workforce Innovation, to
9 examine early learning quality incentives and rating
10 systems; establishing study requirements; requiring
11 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature; requiring
12 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
13 Accountability to study the administration and regulation
14 of child care services; requiring recommendations to the
15 Governor and Legislature; requiring the Office of Program
16 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, in
17 cooperation with the Florida Early Learning Advisory
18 Council, to study the effectiveness of the Child Care
19 Executive Partnership Act; requiring recommendations to
20 the Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Early learning quality incentives study.--

25 (1) The Florida Early Learning Advisory Council, in
26 conjunction with the Agency for Workforce Innovation, shall
27 contract with one or more nationally known experts on quality
28 incentives and rating systems to conduct a study that includes
29 the following:

30 (a) Examination of existing early learning quality
31 incentives and rating systems in the state.

32 (b) Examination of early learning quality incentives and
33 rating systems in other states, including, but not limited to,
34 systems in North Carolina and Oklahoma.

35 (c) Recommendations for an early learning quality
36 incentives and rating system that includes uniform standards,
37 measures inputs and outputs, and provides financial incentives
38 for participating providers.

39 (d) Recommendations on the establishment, cost, and
40 benefits of an early learning quality incentives pilot program.

41 (2) The study shall seek input from representatives from
42 each of the following categories:

43 (a) Large, medium, and small children's services councils
44 with an appropriate mix from urban and rural counties.

45 (b) Large, medium, and small early learning coalitions
46 with an appropriate mix from urban and rural counties.

47 (c) Early learning services providers.

48 (d) Private child care provider associations.

49 (e) Faith-based child care provider associations.

50 (f) Community colleges and state universities with a child
51 care training component.

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52 (g) Parents who currently have children in an early
53 learning program.

54 (3) The Florida Early Learning Advisory Council shall
55 submit its recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
56 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
57 February 15, 2007.

58 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
59 Government Accountability shall conduct a study of the
60 administrative and operational structure of the Child Care
61 Services Program Office of the Department of Children and Family
62 Services that will include a review of all resources supporting
63 the office as well as a review of child care services offices in
64 other states. The findings of the study shall include a
65 recommendation regarding the appropriate administrative and
66 operational structures and the appropriate state agency to
67 administer child care regulation functions. The study shall be
68 submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
69 Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 15, 2007.

70 Section 3. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
71 Government Accountability, in cooperation with the Florida Early
72 Learning Advisory Council, shall conduct a study of the
73 effectiveness of the Child Care Executive Partnership Act, s.
74 409.178, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, a
75 comparison of the funds expended and the return on investment,
76 and shall provide recommendations in a report to the Governor,
77 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
78 Representatives by February 15, 2007.

79 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.