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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative(s) Pickens and Ausley offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 1939 and 1940 insert:

5 Section 37. State-level governance of early learning
6 programs and child care regulation.--By December 31, 2007, the
7 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
8 shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the
9 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the
10 state-level governance structure for the state's early learning
11 programs and child care regulation, including, but not limited
12 to, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, school
13 readiness programs, and child care resource and referral.

14 (1) The report shall:

15 (a) Evaluate the current state-level governance structure,
16 which is divided among the Department of Education, the Office
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17 of Early Learning of the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and
18 the Child Care Services Program Office of the Department of
19 Children and Family Services.

20 (b) Identify whether duplication of functions, duties, or
21 activities exists among the three state agencies and, if
22 duplication does exist, describe the nature and extent of the
23 duplication.

24 (c) Examine the coordination efforts among the three state
25 agencies and their efforts to minimize duplication of functions,
26 duties, and activities.

27 (d) Review the state-level governance structure, and the
28 sources and levels of funding, for early learning programs and
29 child care regulation in other states.

30 (e) Identify and evaluate options, and make specific
31 recommendations, for the state-level governance structure to
32 provide effective and efficient administration of early learning
33 programs and child care regulation, including, but not limited
34 to:

35 1. Maintaining the current governance structure, including
36 specific options for improving state-level governance.

37 2. Reorganizing parts of the current governance structure.

38 3. Consolidating the governance structure within a new or
39 existing state agency or department. The report shall identify
40 and evaluate options as to which state agency or department is
41 most appropriate for administrative placement of the governance
42 structure.

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43 (2) The report may include recommendations on the state-
44 level governance for other programs in this state that relate to
45 early learning and child care, including, but not limited to:

46 (a) Child Care Food Program administered by the Department
47 of Health.

48 (b) Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention
49 Program administered by the Department of Health under part C of
50 the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

51 (c) Special programs for prekindergarten children with
52 disabilities administered by the Department of Education under
53 part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
54 Act.

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

57 Remove line 91 and insert:
58 to after-school programs, gifted student education, and state-
59 level governance of early learning programs and child care
60 regulation;