

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Legg

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to early learning; establishing the
3 Office of Early Learning within the Office of the
4 Commissioner of Education; establishing
5 responsibilities of the Office of Early Learning;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. The Office of Early Learning.—The Office of
11 Early Learning is established within the Office of the
12 Commissioner of Education.

13 (1) The Office of Early Learning shall administer the
14 school readiness program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten
15 Education Program. Administrative staff for the school readiness
16 program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
17 shall be kept to the minimum necessary to administer the duties
18 of the Office of Early Learning.

19 (2) The Office of Early Learning is responsible for the
20 following:

21 (a) Prudent use of public and private funds, including, but
22 not limited to, the adoption of a uniform chart of accounts for
23 budgeting and financial reporting purposes.

24 (b) Monitoring and evaluating the performance of each early
25 learning coalition with regard to its finances, management, and
26 operations.

27 (c) Annually publishing a summary of the school readiness
28 program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program,
29 including, but not limited to, the number of children served and

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30 administrative costs of early learning coalitions relative to
31 the coalitions' total expenditures. The summary must be based on
32 reports that must be submitted annually by the early learning
33 coalitions to the Office of Early Learning.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.