

1545-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Hinkle, Kagi, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, Chase, Cox, McDermott, Delvin, Cooper, Dickerson, Pettigrew, Hankins, Lantz, Quall, Conway, Rockefeller and Clements)

Brief Description: Providing for consolidation of early learning and child care programs.

HB 1545-S2.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/15/03)

Finds that the early years of a child's life are critical to the child's healthy brain development and that the quality of caregiving during the early years can significantly impact the child's intellectual and emotional growth and social adjustment.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to initiate the development of a seamless statewide system of programs and services for early learning and child care that supports families in preparing for and maintaining children's success in school.

Establishes an early learning and care task force within the office of the superintendent of public instruction to oversee the consolidation of early learning and child care programs and services in the state.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.