

HB 1663-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that, as recommended by Washington learns, the legislature declares that the overarching goal for education in the state is to have a world-class, learner-focused, seamless education system that educates more Washingtonians to the highest levels of educational attainment.

Establishes the early learning advisory council to advise the department on statewide early learning community needs and progress.

Provides that, in conjunction with child care providers and other early learning leaders, the department shall review and revise child care provider rules in order to emphasize the need for mutual respect among parents, providers, and state staff who enforce rules. Revised rules shall clearly focus on keeping children safe and improving early learning outcomes for children. The department shall develop a plan by July 2007 that outlines the process and timelines to complete the rules review. Nothing in this act changes the department's responsibility to collectively bargain over mandatory subjects.

Provides that, to recognize the focus on home visitation services, the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect is hereby renamed the children's trust fund of Washington. All references to the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the children's trust fund of Washington.

Requires the children's trust fund of Washington to develop a plan with the department of social and health services, the department of health, the department of early learning, and the family policy council to coordinate or consolidate home visitation services for children and families and report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007, with their recommendations for implementation of the plan.

Repeals RCW 43.70.530.