

SB 5865-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to: (1) Review and compare the state early childhood education and assistance program and the federal head start program;

(2) Evaluate the latest research and information on early childhood development, beginning with the work completed by the Washington state institute for public policy under chapter 25, Laws of 2003 1st sp. sess., and identify any new innovations that may further improve the quality of state-supported early learning programs, resulting in improved outcomes for low-income children and their families;

(3) Seek training or technical assistance from the appropriate regional office of federal head start in order to maximize nonstate resources; and

(4) Solicit input from other program providers and the early learning advisory council.

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