

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2389

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Early Learning & Human Services

**Title:** An act relating to the definition of school-age child for purposes of school-age child care.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the definition of school-age child for purposes of school-age child care.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Jinkins, Kilduff and Moscoso.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Early Learning & Human Services: 1/19/16, 1/22/16 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Modifies the definition of "school-age child" to include children through 12 years of age for the purposes of school-age child care.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Kagi, Chair; Senn, Vice Chair; Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Hawkins, Kilduff, Ortiz-Self, Sawyer and Walkinshaw.

**Minority Report:** Without recommendation. Signed by 1 member: Representative McCaslin.

**Staff:** Ashley Paintner (786-7120).

**Background:**

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) oversees child care licensing for school-age child care, which includes programs that operate before and after school and during the summer and over holiday breaks. School-age child care currently serves children beginning at age 5 until they reach their twelfth birthday. The DEL serves approximately 11,800 full-time students and 24,500 part-time students through school-age child care programs.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The definition of "school-age child" includes children 5 years of age through 12 years of age.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** None.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) The Working Connections Child Care program provides subsidies for before and after school care, which has always served children through the age of 12. This bill would fix a technical error in statute so the Department of Early Learning can continue serving children through the age of 12 in school-age child care.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Kagi, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.