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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill increases Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) revenue for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, establishes a limit on ECFE reserve account balances, and appropriates money. ECFE programs provide early childhood education, parent-child learning opportunities, and parent education that enhances the ability of parents to provide for their children's optimal learning and development. All ECFE programs are planned and implemented locally.

Section

- 1 **Purpose.** States the purpose of increasing ECFE revenue is to address unmet need for ECFE services. Lists examples of unmet need, including:
 - families who are not able to participate in ongoing classes or are redirected to participate in one-time or short-term opportunities;
 - families who do not attempt to register because they are aware that the program has exceeded capacity;
 - families who have more extensive needs than the program can adequately address due to lack of resources; and
 - additional families for whom outreach efforts are required.
- 2 **Revenue.** Increases ECFE revenue from \$120 for fiscal year 2002 and later to \$147 for fiscal year 2002 and \$152 for fiscal year 2003, times the greater of 150 or the birth to five population residing in the district on October 1 of the previous school year.
- 3 **Reserve account limit.** Limits the average revenue in a district's ECFE reserve account over the prior three years to 25 percent of the district's ECFE revenue for the prior year. Reduces ECFE revenue for the current year by any amount in excess of an average of 25 percent of the district's ECFE revenue for the prior three years.
- 4 **Waiver.** Allows districts anticipating a reserve account in excess of 25 percent of ECFE

revenue due to extenuating circumstances to obtain prior written approval from CFL to exceed the limit.

- 5 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$29 million in fiscal year 2002 and \$32 million in fiscal year 2003 from the general fund to CFL for ECFE aid.