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Overview

Allows the education commissioner to approve agreements between local school boards and existing prekindergarten programs to create a unified administrative structure for providing early education and care to children from prekindergarten through grade 3.

Section

- 1** **Kindergarten instruction.** (b) Directs school boards and existing prekindergarten programs, with approval from the education commissioner, to enter into an agreement to provide children with early education and care under a unified administrative structure that establishes an education continuum for children from prekindergarten through grade 3. Allows the education and human services commissioners to waive or modify existing rules or requirements and to make special allocations or grants. Allows a nonprofit corporation or charter school to administer the program and authorize payments. Allows tuition and fees to be charged. Requires the agreement to: create a management board; align curriculum, professional development, assessments, and evaluations; provide instruction within a research-based framework using best practices; and limits an agreement to a maximum ten-year term that may be renewed.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2007.