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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes an Office of Early Learning.

#### Section

- 1** **Office of early learning.** (a) Establishes an Office of Early Learning to coordinate a high quality early childhood system. Directs the governor to appoint a qualified director of the Office of Early Learning.
- (b) Lists 11 duties of the director related to facilitating communication and coordinating early education and child care programs under the administration of the departments of education, health, and human services.
- (c) Requires the director to coordinate activities with the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care.
- (d) Directs the office of early learning to annually report to the legislature by February 1 on the status of the work under paragraph (b) and any statutory changes needed to improve program quality and increase program access. Requires the director to report to these same committees, with a plan to co-locate state early childhood education and child care programs and services by February 1, 2010.