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Bill Summary

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Overview

School districts receive separate streams of funding for their early childhood family education (ECFE) and School Readiness programs.

This bill authorizes a school board to coordinate its early learning programs, and after receiving comments from its early childhood advisory committee, adopt a board resolution allowing the district to integrate the two programs and their funding streams.

Section

- 1 Early learning program coordination.** Allows a school board to adopt a resolution to create an early learning program that combines its ECFE and School Readiness activities. Requires the school board to receive a report from its ECFE advisory account before combining the programs. Allows a district with a combined program to place its ECFE and School Readiness revenue into a single account and spend the money on the early learning activities outlined in the board's resolution.
- 2 Establishment and purpose; ECFE program.** Allows ECFE programming to be provided through an integrated ECFE and School Readiness program.
- 3 Separate accounts.** Allows a district's ECFE revenue to be kept in its current reserve account or in a combined reserve account with its School Readiness funding.
- 4 District advisory councils; ECFE.** Requires a school district's ECFE advisory council to assist the board in planning and monitoring an integrated early learning program.

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- 5** **Use of revenue restricted; ECFE.** Allows a district's ECFE revenue to be used for integrated early learning programs as well as ECFE programs.
- 6** **Reserve account; ECFE.** Requires a district's ECFE revenue to be kept in its current reserve account or in a combined early learning reserve account.
- 7** **Use of aid; School Readiness.** Allows a school district's School Readiness aid to be used for an integrated early learning program as well for School Readiness programs.
- 8** **Reserve account; school readiness.** Requires a district's School Readiness aid to be kept in its current reserve account or in an integrated early learning program account.