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Overview

Appropriates funds to the commissioner of education for outreach workers to help children and families who are Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees access early childhood care and education resources, developmental screening, and early reading assessments.

Section

- 1 Program to engage Hmong and Southeast Asian children and families in accessing early childhood resources.** (a) Appropriates unspecified general fund amounts in fiscal year 2016 and in fiscal year 2017 to the commissioner of education to fund a program to provide Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees with outreach workers to help: increase access to early childhood care and education resources, developmental screening, and early reading assessments; provide translation and interpretation services needed for children and families to complete application materials; and establish and sustain a parent leadership committee. Allows funds unexpended in fiscal year 2016 to carry forward into fiscal year 2017.