

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB2538S1

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Bill Title: Public education; early childhood care and education; funding formula calculations; Early Childhood Care and Education Fund established; report.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Education to establish and maintain a funding formula for the provision of early childhood care and education services that shall be used to predict the number of slots and level of funding needed per biennium to address parent demand. The bill directs that the funding formula shall be used to provide information to guide decision making. The bill requires the Department to submit to the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education a report on the data used to calculate the funding formula.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: The Department of Education can absorb any work to develop and report on a funding formula, therefore no budget amendment is required.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill directs that the Department of Education establish and maintain an early childhood funding formula to predict the number of slots and funding needed to address parent demand. The bill also requires that the formula include an estimate of the number of slots to be added to support local or regional economic development efforts and public-private partnerships focused on increasing the supply of child care services. The Department of Education (DOE) can absorb any impact to develop this funding formula.

Other: None.