

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to the coordination of data for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the early childhood care and education network and prioritizing the provision of related services and funds

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3), relative to early childhood care and
3 education; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to
4 coordinate data relative to the early childhood care and education network and to
5 submit an annual report relative thereto to the legislature; to require the board to
6 consider such data when allocating awards from the Louisiana Early Childhood
7 Education Fund; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3) are hereby enacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §407.23. Early Childhood Care and Education Network; creation; components;
12 duties and responsibilities; pilot programs

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14 E.(1) The state board shall coordinate and report data relative to the early
15 childhood care and education network in a manner that assists legislators in
16 evaluating the effectiveness of the network and in determining the most efficient and
17 effective allocation of funding and services to maximize opportunities for children
18 aged birth through five to achieve kindergarten readiness.

- (1) The number of children participating in the network and demographic information pertaining to their age, race, and socioeconomic status.
- (2) The areas of greatest need according to geographic location and student population for the purpose of prioritizing funding and services.

Present law provides for the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund and for BESE's administration of the fund. Provides that subject to legislative appropriation, monies in the fund shall be awarded annually to local entities approved by BESE according to specified parameters and conditions. Proposed law additionally requires BESE to consider the data it coordinates pursuant to proposed law in determining how to allocate awards it makes pursuant to present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3))