
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to coordinate and report data relative to early childhood care and education and to consider this data when allocating certain funding.

Present law provides for BESE's creation of a network through which to manage and oversee all publicly funded programs that provide early childhood care or educational services. Proposed law further provides that BESE shall coordinate and report data in a manner that assists legislators in evaluating the effectiveness of the network and in determining the most efficient and effective allocation of funding and services to maximize opportunities for children aged birth through five to achieve kindergarten readiness. Requires BESE to submit to the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance a written report, not later than 60 days prior to each regular session, that includes, at minimum, the following information:

- (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))