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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides relative to prekindergarten instruction and age requirements at nonpublic elementary schools

The proposed legislation authorizes BESE approved nonpublic elementary schools to develop and offer pre-kindergarten instruction as is allowed in public schools. For both private schools, the proposed legislation provides that the minimum age for entry into a pre-kindergarten program shall be three years old by September 30 of the entrance year.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This legislation does not mandate a pre-kindergarten program for three year olds. It authorizes the creation of a program at the option of BESE approved nonpublic elementary schools. Nonpublic schools are assumed to fund a pre-kindergarten programs for three year olds in the same manner that other grades within the respective schools are funded, primarily through tuition and fees.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Education and the Department of Children and Family Services will incur indeterminate but insignificant costs associated with promulgating rule changes, generally less than \$500 per rule change.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Under current law, BESE approved nonpublic schools offering pre-kindergarten program services to three year olds are dually regulated by both the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for three year olds and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for programs focused on four to fourteen year olds. Under the proposed law, BESE approved nonpublic schools offering pre-kindergarten program services for three year olds would fall solely under BESE regulations. DCFS would cease licensure activities for existing three year old pre-kindergarten programs among BESE approved nonpublic schools, and would not regulate any newly formed programs. Any licensure fee revenues generated by DCFS would no longer be collected. DCFS reports the anticipated impact to be insignificant.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director