

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

State of Arkansas
89th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2013

As Engrossed: H4/2/13

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1777

By: Representative Kizzia

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD *EDUCATION*; TO *STUDY THE EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE RESOURCES AND COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE (5)*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-45-112. Study of educational programs for children from birth through five (5) years of age.

(a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education in partnership with the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission and other organizations identified by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, shall conduct an interim study of Arkansas early childhood education to:

(1) Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's current programs serving children from birth to five (5) years of age;

(2) Determine policies and program needs that will most efficiently and effectively utilize the state's available resources; and



(3) Identify additional programs, resources, or program changes needed to improve outcomes for children from birth to five (5) years of age.

(b) The study shall review:

(1) Accessibility to programs;

(2) Program quality;

(3) State policy;

(4) Existing data;

(5) Coordination between programs; and

(6) Accountability of the programs.

(c) The study shall consider a wide variety of programs, including without limitation early childhood education programs under the Arkansas Better Chance Program Act, § 6-45-101 et seq., that affect this age-group and that have the potential to impact the development of children in this age group.

(d) A written report of the study shall be presented to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by October 1, 2014.

/s/Kizzia