

**HB 2731-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes an early learning program to provide voluntary preschool opportunities for children who are three and four years of age.

Requires the department of early learning to adopt rules for certain program components as appropriate and necessary during the phased implementation of the program.

Requires the department of early learning and the office of financial management to annually review the caseload forecasts for the program.

Revises the definition of "eligible child" to include a child eligible for special education due to disability.

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SHB 2731

March 29, 2010

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 1, Second Substitute House Bill 2731 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to implementing a program of early learning for educationally at-risk children."

Section 1 indicates the Legislature's intent regarding the future of early learning in our state. The Legislature is undertaking a study of the optimal approach for implementing a voluntary program for early learning in Senate Bill 6759 which I am signing today. I look forward to future legislation implementing the results of that study. Because the language in this section presupposes the outcome of the study called for in Senate Bill 6759, I am vetoing this section.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1 of Second Substitute House Bill 2731.

With the exception of Section 1, Second Substitute House Bill 2731 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor