(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of early learning to: (1) Contract with a nonprofit entity that provides quality improvement services to participants in the early achievers program to develop, in consultation with the community and technical college system, a community-based training module for licensed child care providers; and

(2) At the next update of the state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education, assist the workforce training and education coordinating board with assessing the need for early learning providers to receive support and training in the managing and running of a child care business.

Requires the training module to be offered to providers as a pilot program in at least an urban community, a rural community, a community with a high number of monolingual Spanish speaking licensed child care providers, and a community with a high number of monolingual Somali speaking licensed child care providers.

Creates the child care workforce and business development work group to address improving the stability of the early learning workforce and sustaining and expanding access to high quality care.