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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5805**

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**State of Washington**

**59th Legislature**

**2005 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education  
(originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Brown,  
McAuliffe, Rasmussen and Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to studying the regulation of preschools and  
2 kindergartens; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
5 committee shall consider and make recommendations regarding defining,  
6 regulating, and licensing preschools and kindergartens. In developing  
7 the recommendations, the task force shall, at a minimum:

8 (a) Define "preschool" and "kindergarten";

9 (b) Develop an implementation plan for the licensing and regulation  
10 of preschools and kindergartens;

11 (c) Conduct an examination of and report on the agency best suited  
12 to manage the licensing and regulating of preschools and kindergartens;

13 (d) Determine the criteria to license preschools and kindergartens;  
14 and

15 (e) Determine whether to develop health and safety standards and/or  
16 standards for content of curriculum and educational background of  
17 teachers.

18 (2) In developing the recommendations, the joint legislative audit  
19 and review committee shall consult with the following, to the extent

1 possible: Early learning teachers, representatives of parent  
2 organizations, representatives from the office of superintendent of  
3 public instruction, representatives from the department of health, and  
4 representatives from the early childhood education and assistance  
5 program and head start.

6 (3) The task force shall make its recommendations to the  
7 legislature by December 1, 2006.

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