

SB 6517 - DIGEST

Makes early learning preschool opportunities available to every three and four-year old child in the state.

Creates the all start voluntary preschool program for three and four-year old children.

Requires the department of early learning to: (1) Establish certification for preschool programs serving three and four-year old children, including a timeline for requiring all preschools to become certified;

(2) Develop preschool programs;

(3) Review the early childhood education and assistance program and head start program standards;

(4) Work with the federal agency administering the head start program to integrate the state and federal programs;

(5) Develop, coordinate, and implement services and programs for children from birth to age three; and

(6) Charge fees for the certification and the renewal of certification.

Authorizes the department of early learning to admit additional children for certain programs depending on income.