

**SB 6059-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to: (1) Prioritize the integration of child care and preschool in an effort to promote full day programming;

(2) Reward quality and create incentives for providers to participate in a quality rating and improvement system that will also provide valuable information to parents regarding the quality of care available in their communities;

(3) Fulfill the state's obligation under Article IX of the state Constitution and partner with school districts in serving students;

(4) Continue to make changes to the program of basic education in those areas where emerging research and evidence demonstrate that better and more efficient strategies are available to help students succeed; and

(5) Make college more affordable for students and families.

Creates a joint select committee on the early achievers program and requires the committee to review the demand and availability of licensed or certified child care family homes and centers, approved early childhood education and assistance programs, head start programs, and family, friend, and neighbor caregivers by geographic region, including rural and low-income neighborhoods.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on alternative resident undergraduate tuition growth factors.

Establishes the early start act.

Establishes the college affordability program.

Creates the early start account.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.