

**HB 2659 - DIGEST**

Revises the definition of "eligible child," for purposes of the department of children, youth, and families, as follows: (1) Changes the family income of the child from one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level to one hundred eighty-five percent; and

(2) Includes a child who is a member of a federally recognized tribe.

Requires funding for the early learning program to be phased in based on the forecasted caseload of children eligible and projected to participate and according to a certain schedule.