2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to the coordination of data for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the early childhood care and education network and prioritizing the provision of related services and funds

1	AN ACT					
2	To enact R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3), relative to early childhood care and					
3	education; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to					
4	coordinate data relative to the early childhood care and education network and to					
5	submit an annual report relative thereto to the legislature; to require the board to					
6	consider such data when allocating awards from the Louisiana Early Childhood					
7	Education Fund; and to provide for related matters.					
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:					
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3) are hereby enacted to read as					
10	follows:					
11	§407.23. Early Childhood Care and Education Network; creation; components;					
12	duties and responsibilities; pilot programs					
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14	E.(1) The state board shall coordinate and report data relative to the early					
15	childhood care and education network in a manner that assists legislators in					
16	evaluating the effectiveness of the network and in determining the most efficient and					
17	effective allocation of funding and services to maximize opportunities for children					
18	aged birth through five to achieve kindergarten readiness.					

1	(2) The state board shall submit to the House Committee on Education,					
2	Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate					
3	Committee on Finance a written report not later than sixty days prior to each Regular					
4	Session of the Legislature. The report shall include, at minimum, the following					
5	information:					
6	(a) The number of children participating in the network and demographic					
7	information pertaining to their age, race, and socioeconomic status.					
8	(b) The areas of greatest need according to geographic location and student					
9	population for the purpose of prioritizing funding and services.					
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11	§407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund					
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15	(3) In addition to the requirements of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this					
16	Subsection, the board, in determining how to allocate awards it makes pursuant to					
17	this Section, shall consider the data it coordinates pursuant to R.S. 17:407.23(E)).					
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to coordinate and report data relative to early childhood care and education and to							
consider this data when allocating certain funding.							

<u>Present law</u> provides for BESE's creation of a network through which to manage and oversee all publicly funded programs that provide early childhood care or educational services. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that BESE shall coordinate and report data in a manner that assists legislators in evaluating the effectiveness of the network and in determining the most efficient and effective allocation of funding and services to maximize opportunities for children aged birth through five to achieve kindergarten readiness. Requires BESE to submit to the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance a written report, not later than 60 days prior to each regular session, that includes, at minimum, the following information:

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- (1) The number of children participating in the network and demographic information pertaining to their age, race, and socioeconomic status.
- (2) The areas of greatest need according to geographic location and student population for the purpose of prioritizing funding and services.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund and for BESE's administration of the fund. Provides that subject to legislative appropriation, monies in the fund shall be awarded annually to local entities approved by BESE according to specified parameters and conditions. <u>Proposed law</u> additionally requires BESE to consider the data it coordinates pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> in determining how to allocate awards it makes pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 17:407.23(E) and 407.30(D)(3))