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S.B. No. 49

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain requirements applicable to the State Center for
3 Early Childhood Development.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 29.162 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 29.162. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO STATE CENTER FOR
8 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT. (a) The State Center for Early
9 Childhood Development shall:

10 (1) comply with the contract management requirements
11 prescribed by Chapter 2262, Government Code;

12 (2) not later than December 1 of each even-numbered
13 year, prepare and submit to the presiding officers of the Senate
14 Committee on Finance and the House Appropriations Committee a
15 report detailing the use of all state money provided to the center
16 to fund early childhood education services; and

17 (3) provide center staff to appear before a standing
18 committee of the senate or house of representatives with
19 jurisdiction over public primary and secondary education on request
20 of the presiding officer of the committee.

21 (b) In each even-numbered year, the State Center for Early
22 Childhood Development shall allow an external evaluation, by an
23 organization under contract with the agency for that purpose,
24 regarding the management and implementation of demonstration

1 projects authorized by Section 29.160 and the school readiness
2 certification system developed in accordance with Section 29.161.

3 (c) The organization completing the external evaluation
4 under Subsection (b) must be selected through a competitive process
5 developed by the agency.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.