

Amend **CSHB 1** (house committee printing), Article XI, as follows:

Statewide Early Childhood/PreKindergarten Program Oversight Coordination and Accountability: Contingent on final passage by the 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, of legislation relating to a high quality prekindergarten program provided by public school districts, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate out of Article III appropriated funds one full time equivalent (FTE) to oversee statewide Early Childhood/PreKindergarten (PreK) coordination and accountability. The FTE shall rely on the expertise of the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency and representatives of that agency in coordinating the statewide strategic approach to early childhood and PreK learning, including but not limited to setting policy, collecting data, promoting early education and parent engagement evidence-based best practices, overseeing outcomes, and reporting results. The FTE shall consult and coordinate with other states agencies and local government to ensure a strategic statewide approach to early childhood learning. The state agencies shall include but are not limited to, the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of the Governor, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and other education, health and human services, and workforce agencies as appropriate. Additionally, the FTE shall coordinate with representatives from school districts, regional service centers, local entities, non-profit organizations, academia, and other entities that receive public funding for early childhood and PreK programs and other entities as deemed necessary.