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H.B. No. 1188

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study and
3 make recommendations regarding early childhood education.

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

5 SECTION 1. INTERIM COMMITTEE; STUDY; REPORT. (a) A joint
6 interim committee is created to study and review early childhood
7 education.

8 (b) The committee shall:

9 (1) examine the budgets, administrative tasks, staff,
10 programs, data collection methods, and evaluations of existing
11 state agencies that perform or provide services for children from
12 birth through five years of age;

13 (2) identify the areas between state agencies that
14 perform or provide services for children from birth through five
15 years of age in which either organizational silos or collaboration
16 exist;

17 (3) research best practices and models from other
18 states that, in order to promote early childhood education:

19 (A) consolidated agency divisions;

20 (B) created an independent office of early
21 learning; or

22 (C) placed responsibilities for early childhood
23 education with the state's agency with jurisdiction over employment
24 and workforce functions;

1 (4) examine the impact on public-private partnerships
2 of, in order to promote early childhood education:

3 (A) consolidating state agency divisions;

4 (B) establishing an independent office of early
5 learning; or

6 (C) placing responsibilities for early childhood
7 education with the Texas Workforce Commission; and

8 (5) develop recommendations for best courses of action
9 to increase the collaboration between agencies that perform or
10 provide services for children from birth through five years of age
11 in order to promote early childhood education.

12 (c) The committee is composed of:

13 (1) five members of the senate standing committee with
14 primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
15 appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

16 (2) five members of the house standing committee with
17 primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
18 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

19 (d) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
20 representatives shall:

21 (1) jointly designate a committee chair; or

22 (2) if the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
23 house of representatives do not agree to jointly designate a
24 committee chair, designate co-chairs from among the lieutenant
25 governor's and the speaker's respective appointments.

26 (e) The committee shall convene at the call of the chair or,
27 if applicable, at the call of one of the co-chairs.

1 (f) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
2 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and
3 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government
4 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on
5 administration.

6 (g) Not later than December 1, 2016, the committee shall
7 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the governor
8 and the members of the legislature. The committee shall include in
9 its recommendations specific statutory and rule changes that appear
10 necessary from the results of the committee's study.

11 (h) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
12 this Act, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
13 representatives shall appoint the members of the committee created
14 under this section.

15 SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE. The committee is
16 abolished and this Act expires March 1, 2017.

17 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
18 1, 2015.