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H.B. No. 2421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report on early childhood education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.1581 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.1581. STUDY AND REPORT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. (a) The agency, in collaboration with the Texas Workforce Commission and the Department of Family and Protective Services, shall conduct a study and compile a report on public-private partnerships regarding early childhood education.

(b) The study must identify:

(1) methods to streamline the process under which a public-private partnership for early childhood education is established;

(2) current areas of coordination between state agencies that perform or provide services for children, including areas in which either organizational silos or collaboration exist; and

(3) the sources and uses of early childhood education funding.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the agency shall report the agency's findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction

1 over public education. The agency shall include in its report:

2 (1) a description of services provided by each state
3 agency related to early childhood education, including the
4 following for each service:

5 (A) funding mechanisms; and

6 (B) tools for monitoring and tracking
7 utilization, outcomes, and program effectiveness;

8 (2) recommended efforts to streamline the process
9 under which a public-private partnership for early childhood
10 education is established; and

11 (3) recommended new programs of early childhood
12 education or enhancements to existing programs.

13 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.