

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-050

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1777

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6 By: Representative Kizzia

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
11 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION;  
12 TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE RESOURCES AND  
13 COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL  
14 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE (5); AND  
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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18 **Subtitle**

19 TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF  
20 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY  
21 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional*  
27 *section to read as follows:*

28 6-45-112. Study of educational programs for children from birth through five (5) years of age.

29 (a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education in partnership  
30 with the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission and other organizations identified by the House  
31 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, shall conduct an interim study of  
32 Arkansas early childhood education to:

33 (1) Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's current programs serving  
34 children from birth to five (5) years of age;

35 (2) Determine policies and program needs that will most efficiently and effectively utilize  
36 the state's available resources; and

1                   (3) Identify additional programs, resources, or program changes needed to improve  
2 outcomes for children from birth to five (5) years of age.

3                   (b) The study shall review:

4                               (1) Accessibility to programs;

5                               (2) Program quality;

6                               (3) State policy;

7                               (4) Existing data;

8                               (5) Coordination between programs; and

9                               (6) Accountability of the programs.

10                   (c) The study shall consider a wide variety of programs, including without limitation early  
11 childhood education programs under the Arkansas Better Chance Program Act, § 6-45-101 et seq., that  
12 affect this age-group and that have the potential to impact the development of children in this age group.

13                   (d) A written report of the study shall be presented to the House Committee on Education and  
14 the Senate Committee on Education by October 1, 2014.

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/s/Kizzia

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20 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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