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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1777

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

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1777

Amend House Bill No. 1777 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "EDUCATION;" and substitute "EDUCATION; TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE RESOURCES AND COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE (5);"

AND

Page 1, delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The study shall review:

(1) Accessibility to programs;

(2) Program quality;

(3) State policy;

(4) Existing data;

(5) Coordination between programs; and

(6) Accountability of the programs.

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



that have the potential to impact the development of children in this age group.

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

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Kizzia
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