

SENATE BILL No. 288

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-40.

Synopsis: Office of child development and early learning. Establishes the office of child development and early learning within the department of education. Requires the office to collaborate with the division of family resources to establish and implement a plan for inclusion of pre-kindergarten education and teaching in kindergarten through grade 12 education planning and oversight.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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Hume, Lanane, Mrvan, Randolph,
Simpson, Skinner, Tallian, Taylor,
Young R**

January 5, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-40 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2012]:
- 4 **Chapter 40. Office of Child Development and Early Learning**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of**
- 6 **child development and early learning established by section 2 of**
- 7 **this chapter.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. (a) The office of child development and early learning is**
- 9 **established within the department.**
- 10 **(b) The state superintendent shall, not later than August 1, 2012,**
- 11 **appoint staff for the office.**
- 12 **Sec. 3. The office shall collaborate with the division of family**
- 13 **resources established by IC 12-13-1-1 to create a plan to expand**
- 14 **the department's kindergarten through grade 12 education**
- 15 **planning and oversight to include pre-kindergarten education.**
- 16 **Sec. 4. The office shall do the following:**
- 17 **(1) Request that the colleges and universities in Indiana that**



- 1 **have teacher education degree programs testify before an:**
- 2 **(A) interim study committee concerning education; or**
- 3 **(B) interim study committee concerning child care;**
- 4 **of the general assembly regarding options for inclusion of**
- 5 **pre-kindergarten teaching education in the teacher education**
- 6 **degree programs.**
- 7 **(2) Develop a plan to include pre-kindergarten education in**
- 8 **the department's education planning and oversight.**
- 9 **(3) Develop educational development benchmarks for children**
- 10 **from infancy through age four (4).**
- 11 **(4) Report to an interim study committee described in**
- 12 **subdivision (1) concerning the office's progress in:**
- 13 **(A) performing the duties specified in subdivisions (1)**
- 14 **through (3), not later than October 31, 2012; and**
- 15 **(B) implementation of a plan to include pre-kindergarten**
- 16 **education in the department's education planning and**
- 17 **oversight, not later than September 30, 2014.**

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