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S 0834 General Bill, By Sheheen

Summary: Child development education program

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 156 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH IS A FULL DAY, FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN WHICH MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE, TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN BY THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM BEING AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN, THAT THE PROGRAM MUST BE EXPANDED TO ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY, TO ESTABLISH PROVIDER STANDARDS, TO TASK THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS WITH ACTING AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO SET THE FUNDING LEVEL OF THE PROGRAM.

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