



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 as follows:

2 (1) In Article III of the bill, following the appropriations
3 to the Texas Education Agency, amend Paragraph (a) of Rider 47,
4 Early Childhood School Readiness Program (page III-15), to read as
5 follows:

6 a. Funds shall be distributed on a competitive grant basis
7 to preschool programs to provide scientific, research-based
8 pre-reading instruction with the goal of directly improving the
9 pre-reading skills of three- and four-year-old children or
10 improving overall kindergarten readiness [~~and implementing school~~
11 ~~readiness integration community collaborations~~]. To be eligible
12 for the grants, applicants must serve at least 75 percent low income
13 students, as determined by the Commissioner. [~~The Commissioner may~~
14 ~~require applicants to participate in the School Readiness~~
15 ~~Certification System according to the provisions of Texas Education~~
16 ~~Code §29.161.~~] It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas
17 Education Agency participate to the extent practicable in
18 interagency early childhood education and care coordination
19 initiatives. This includes, but is not limited to, participation
20 in the Head Start collaboration project or any other interagency
21 entity formed to address the coordination of early childhood care
22 and education service delivery and funding.

23 (2) In Article VII of the bill, following the appropriations
24 to the Texas Workforce Commission, amend Rider 26, Professional
25 Development Partnerships for Early Childhood Education (page
26 VII-38), to read as follows:

27 26. Professional Development Partnerships for Early
28 Childhood Education. Out of federal Child Care Development Funds
29 (CCDF) appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission may

1 [shall] transfer via interagency contract not more than \$150,000
2 [~~\$1,000,000~~] in fiscal year 2014 and not more than \$150,000
3 [~~\$1,000,000~~] in fiscal year 2015 to the Texas Education Agency to
4 fund the management of early childhood education partnerships
5 projects, including the award of stipends, to facilitate increased
6 participation in professional development by early childhood
7 education professionals and encourage those professionals to seek
8 additional education.

9 (3) In Article VII of the bill, following the appropriations
10 to the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following appropriately
11 numbered rider:

12 _____. Professional Development for Early Childhood
13 Education. Out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)
14 appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission shall dedicate
15 \$850,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$850,000 in fiscal year 2015 for
16 programs that encourage increased participation in continuing
17 professional development for early childhood professionals.
18 Funding may be used to fund teacher training programs, programs
19 that lead to a national credential in early childhood education, or
20 work-study programs in child care. Funding may also be used for
21 pilot programs that utilize tools for individualized instruction
22 coupled with professional development components that support
23 ongoing learning for teachers.