

HB 2991 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Department of Early Learning and Care
2023-25**

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Budget Summary

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2991 appropriates \$300,000 General Fund to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to commission an independent study related to strengthening the early childhood workforce.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2991 directs DELIC to commission an independent study to identify barriers to a high-quality early childhood workforce and recommend opportunities to strengthen the system and provides the Department with \$300,000 General Fund for the cost of the study. The study will include the following:

- Evaluation of the inefficiencies within the current early childhood workforce;
- Evaluation of the challenges faced by current and prospective early childhood professionals;
- Evaluation of the current active efforts promoting increased accessibility and transferability of community college credits across post-secondary institutions;
- Information regarding the potential of starting an accreditation process for transferring international college credits related to early childhood and child development; and
- Exploration of related career pathways developed or implemented by organizations, which successfully reduced the inefficiencies and barriers for individuals seeking apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and other professional training.

In seeking a contractor for the study, DELIC is to find an entity with expertise in early learning subject matter who has demonstrated experience in applied policy research and analysis. The measure also directs the Department to prioritize community-based nonprofit organizations or organizations certified by the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity.

The measure directs DELC to convene a stakeholder group to review the study's findings and make recommendations regarding the early childhood workforce, including strategies to attain more equitable compensation and the creation of a career pipeline to increase opportunities for education, training, and credentialing. DELC is also directed to adopt administrative rules focused on addressing barriers impeding entry into the early childhood workforce and inefficiencies currently existing in the registry, for which the stakeholder group will provide recommendations. The measure specifies the rules must be adopted no later than December 31, 2025.

A preliminary report summarizing the study's findings is to be submitted by DELC no later than September 15, 2024, to the interim Committees of the Legislative Assembly. A second report submitted by DELC no later than December 31, 2024, must comprehensively evaluate the study's findings and including recommendations for future legislation. The report must also provide information on the status of rulemaking and potential funding sources for implementing the recommendations. The measure is repealed on January 2, 2026.

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DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 100 - Department Operations									
Services and Supplies	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000		

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