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SENATE BILL 800*

Short Title: Study Costs Associated With NC Pre-K Slots. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Pate, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Van Duyn and Waddell.

Referred to: Health Care

May 3, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SLOTS FOR THE NC PRE-K PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, shall study the costs associated with funding slots for the NC Pre-K program. In conducting the study, the Division shall review and determine the following:

- (1) The total cost to fund a NC Pre-K slot, including any local costs.
- (2) The State share needed to fund a NC Pre-K slot by each setting, including public schools, child care facilities, and Head Start.
- (3) The amount of funds needed to maintain the current number of NC Pre-K slots if the per slot cost were increased to the amount recommended by the study.
- (4) Recommendations on how often the NC Pre-K slot costs should be evaluated and reported to the General Assembly.
- (5) Any other relevant issues the Division deems appropriate.

SECTION 2. The Division shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on or before February 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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