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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Education

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to early learning; establishing the Office of Early Learning within the Office of the Commissioner of Education; establishing responsibilities of the Office of Early Learning; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The Office of Early Learning.—The Office of Early Learning is established within the Office of the Commissioner of Education.

(1) The Office of Early Learning shall administer the school readiness program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Administrative staff for the school readiness program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program shall be kept to the minimum necessary to administer the duties of the Office of Early Learning.

(2) The Office of Early Learning is responsible for the following:

(a) Prudent use of public and private funds, including, but not limited to, the adoption of a uniform chart of accounts for budgeting and financial reporting purposes.

(b) Monitoring and evaluating the performance of each early learning coalition with regard to its finances, management, and operations.

(c) Annually publishing a summary of the school readiness program and the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program,



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29 including, but not limited to, the number of children served and  
30 administrative costs of early learning coalitions relative to  
31 the coalitions' total expenditures. The summary must be based on  
32 reports that must be submitted annually by the early learning  
33 coalitions to the Office of Early Learning.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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