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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to education; providing that  
state-funded education and care programs for  
infants and toddlers must foster brain  
development; requiring an evaluation and a  
report; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, at birth, a child has one hundred billion  
brain cells that will be developed by the experiences of life,  
and

WHEREAS, the stimulation that causes brain development  
can be positive, such as conversation, music, and parental  
love, or it can be negative, such as neglect or emotional and  
physical abuse, and

WHEREAS, during the first year of a child's life the  
connections between the cells, the synapses, increase  
twenty-fold, making the first year a crucial time for brain  
development, and

WHEREAS, infants develop synapses when they listen to  
language and music, see colors and shapes, and feel and handle  
objects of different sizes, shapes, and textures, and

WHEREAS, there is no other time in a child's life as  
productive for brain development as the first year, NOW  
THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Each state-funded education and care  
program for children from birth to 5 years of age must provide  
activities to foster brain development in infants and  
toddlers. A program must provide an environment rich in

