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A bill for an act

relating to early childhood education; creating an Office of Early Childhood Education; directing the governor to appoint a director of early childhood education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.**

An Office of Early Childhood Education is established to provide high quality early childhood programs and effective family support programs to address challenges faced by families that affect school readiness and academic success. The governor must appoint a director of the Office of Early Childhood Education. The duties of the director include, but are not limited to: coordinating the efficient administration of the early childhood programs and child care programs administered by the Departments of Education and Human Services, developing an effective early childhood education system with high standards for programs and professionals, developing supports to meet the program and professional standards, creating a seamless transition from early childhood programs to kindergarten, ensuring accountability and community engagement, and reducing duplicative efforts. The early childhood education and child care programs to be coordinated include, but are not limited to: early childhood family education under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.13; school readiness under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.15; Head Start under Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.50; and the child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.