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AB-6 Office of Early Childhood Education

SUMMARY

AB 6 creates the Office of Early Childhood Education under the California Department of Education (CDE)

EXISTING LAW/BACKGROUND

The first five years of life are the most important for a child's brain development. Providing quality early education during these crucial years enhances a child's opportunity to succeeding in the K-12 system, and ultimately, in higher education and the workforce. Furthermore, access to child care allows parents of low income households to enter the workforce, immediately raising the household income and enhancing the child's well being.

Due to the significance of this issue, Assembly Speaker Rendon created the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) for Early Childhood Education in 2016. Over the course of 7 hearings across the state, advocates, industry professionals, and policymakers have discussed the needs and barriers to ECE expansion.

By its nature, ECE programming, from childcare to preschool, engages multiple state agencies including CDE, California Department of Social Services, and the California Department of Health Care Services.

Given this issue's enhanced attention, and a forth coming report from the BRC, creating a centralized space for this multi-faceted system to ensure coordination is absolutely critical for the future of successful ECE programming.

THIS BILL

This bill creates a new Office of ECE tasked with coordination, oversight, and implementation of ECE programming and expansion. The core mission is increasing equity and access to child care and other ECE related services, and accomplishing the goals of successfully expanding ECE programs.

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