

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB099-EED-ELC-03-31-17  
Title: PRE-ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS/FUNDING  
Sponsor: BEGICH  
Requester: Senate Education Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development  
Appropriation: Teaching and Learning Support  
Allocation: Early Learning Coordination  
OMB Component Number: 2912

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                        | FY2018<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2018<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |              |              |              |              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2018                              | FY 2018                                        | FY 2019                 | FY 2020      | FY 2021      | FY 2022      | FY 2023      |
| Personal Services      | 328.8                                |                                                | 328.8                   | 328.8        | 328.8        | 328.8        | 328.8        |
| Travel                 |                                      |                                                |                         |              |              |              |              |
| Services               | 32.8                                 |                                                | 28.8                    | 28.8         | 28.8         | 28.8         | 28.8         |
| Commodities            |                                      |                                                |                         |              |              |              |              |
| Capital Outlay         |                                      |                                                |                         |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Benefits      |                                      |                                                |                         |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous          |                                      |                                                |                         |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total Operating</b> | <b>361.6</b>                         | <b>0.0</b>                                     | <b>357.6</b>            | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> |

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

|                     |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 361.6        |            | 357.6        | 357.6        | 357.6        | 357.6        | 357.6        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>361.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>357.6</b> |

## Positions

|           |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 3.0 |  | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Part-time |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Temporary |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |

## Change in Revenues

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/31/18

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

**Section 1:** Amends AS 14.03.060, Elementary, junior high, and secondary schools, (e) to include early education.

**Section 2:** Amends AS 14.03.080, Right to attend schools, by adding a new subsection (g) that allows a child who is at least 4 but not more than 5 years of age to attend a public school early education program.

**Section 3:** Amends AS 14.03, by adding a new subsection, AS 14.03.135, Early education programs; grants, that outlines the grant structure that defines which districts would be eligible for grant awards and outlines the requirement for those districts to move towards including pre-elementary students in the average daily membership (ADM). Grants would be awarded based on successful completion of a development grant that would last over a three-year cycle. Grantees would receive specific training and support on implementing a high quality pre-elementary program.

To operate this grant program, and provide training and support to grantees, would require 2 Education Specialist II, Range 21, Step B, at \$119.4 each = \$238.8; and 1 Education Associate III, Range 15, Step B, at \$90.0. In addition, department chargebacks of \$9.6 per position would be needed (\$28.8 total). Total cost to the department in salary and benefits is \$328.8 and department chargebacks of \$28.8 for a total cost of \$357.6.

**Section 4:** Amends AS 14.07.010(a)(8) by changing the words “pre-elementary” to “early education program”, defining the age of participation in an early education program and approving programs that meet standards adopted by the board for early education programs in AS 14.07.165(a)(5).

**Section 5:** Amends AS 14.17.020(c) to read “early education program”.

**Section 6:** Includes a requirement that the State Board of Education adopt regulations establishing standards for an early education program that includes standards for half-day programs, full-day programs, locally designed programs, teacher qualifications, developmentally appropriate objectives and accommodations for all children. Included in this fiscal note is \$4.0 legal service costs associated with these new regulations.

**Section 8:** Amends AS 14.17.905 to include students in early education programs in the definition of an elementary school.

**Section 9:** Amends AS 14.17.905 by adding a new subsection that would not include children in the ADM if those children are already enrolled in another state or federally funded program.