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MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SB 6 (Work Order No. 27-LS0058\M)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
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FROM: Jean M. Mischel
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Amends the description of an elementary school to include a prekindergarten program provided by a district.

Section 2. Establishes standards for a school district to provide an optional prekindergarten program.

Section 3. Amends the school age to include four or five year olds who attend a district prekindergarten program.

Section 4. Amends the current definition of "pre-elementary school" to include a prekindergarten program provided by a district.

Section 5. Adds a duty of the Board of Education and Early Development to adopt regulations for the implementation of a district prekindergarten program.

Section 6. Amends the determination of the number of schools in a district to include prekindergarten students for state funding purposes.

Section 7. Provides an exception to state funding of prekindergarten students for students four or five years of age who are enrolled in an alternatively funded preschool program at the school.

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