



new #4

OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

TO: CSHB 365(FIN)

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Add to the Department of Education and Early Development \$1,250.0 GF as follows:

APPROPRIATION: Education Support Services
ALLOCATION: Executive Administration
ADD: \$750.0
FUNDING SOURCE: General funds

APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Head Start Grants
ADD: \$500.0
FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

EXPLANATION:

Improved educational outcomes save society money over time by producing young people who are able to participate productively thus reducing the demands on public assistance and providing employment opportunities making it less likely that individuals will turn to a life of crime.

Early education has been demonstrated to result in savings to school districts by improving performance and reducing the need for remedial education. Children who received early education earned more money, and have less reliance on welfare, are less likely to be imprisoned, have higher graduation rates and are less likely to repeat a grade or need special education. Federal support has been reduced for Head Start resulting in a decrease in the program statewide of \$272,000 in FY07. Over 860 eligible children are waitlisted statewide for program services.

The Ready to Read, Ready to Learn Task Force needs funding to complete their work.