



HOUSE BILL 1040: Study Costs Associated With NC Pre-K Slots.

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the
contents of the bill
as it was presented
in committee.**

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Introduced by:	Reps. Dobson, Horn, Earle, Malone	Prepared by:	Jennifer Mundt
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 1040 would direct the Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) in the Department of Health and Human Services to study and report on the costs associated with the slots for the NC Pre-K Program.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S800, as introduced by Sens. Pate, Robinson, which is currently in Senate Health Care.]

BILL ANALYSIS: A recommendation of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, House Bill 1040 would direct the Division to study and report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals on the costs associated with funding slots for the NC Pre-K program to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2017. In the conduct of its study, the Division must:

1. Review the total cost to fund a NC Pre-K slot, including local costs. The **Proposed Committee Substitute** adds the review of administration of the program to the evaluation of the total slot cost.
2. Review the State share needed to fund a NC Pre-K slot by each setting.
3. Review the amount of funds needed to maintain the current number of NC Pre-K slots if the per slot cost were increased to the amount recommended by the study.
4. Recommend how often NC Pre-K slot costs should be evaluated and reported to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The HHS Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Statewide Early Education and Family Support Programs studied and made recommendations on early childhood and family support programming in the State. The Subcommittee's final report is available [here](#) and House Bill 1040 is an outgrowth of one of the Subcommittee's recommendations to the full HHS Oversight Committee.

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