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# HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12B.8: Statewide Early Education and Family Support Programs

**Committee:**

**Introduced by:**

**Analysis of:** Sec. 12B.8 of S.L. 2015-241

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**SUMMARY:** *Section 12B.8 of S.L. 2015-241 directs the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services to appoint a subcommittee to study early childhood and family support programs including the: (i) Childcare Subsidy Program, (ii) NC Pre-K, and (iii) Smart Start. The subcommittee studying the program must consider the:*

- *Purposes, outcomes, and effectiveness of each program.*
- *Flexibility needed to meet the needs of children in counties across the State.*
- *Potential to streamline administration across programs.*
- *Other relevant issues the subcommittee may deem appropriate.*

*The subcommittee may seek input from other states, stakeholders, or experts on early childhood and family support programs. The subcommittee must develop a proposal on how to meet county and regional needs and make a report on the proposed plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before April 1, 2016.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2015.*

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