OVERVIEW: S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 7.23I establishes the B-3 Interagency Council (Council), which will be a joint council between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The Council will have 12 voting members and 4 nonvoting members, and will create a vision and accountability for a birth through grade three system of early education.

- The Council will (i) facilitate the development and implementation of an interagency plan for a coordinated system of early care, education, and child development services, and (ii) implement a statewide longitudinal evaluation of the educational progress of children from prekindergarten through grade 12. The Council is specifically charged with reviewing the recommendations developed by DHHS and DPI pursuant to Section 12B.5 of S.L. 2016-94. The Council must submit a report on the initial results of its review and study by April 15, 2018 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

- Additionally, the Council must submit a report by February 15, 2019 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the final results of the review and study described above, as well as progress on the development of a coordinated system of early care, education, and child development services.

- This section also creates the position of Associate Superintendent of Early Education within DPI.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.