

HOUSE BILL 886: Study Participation of Operators in NC Pre-K.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: Senate Health Care. If favorable, re-refer to **Date:** June 18, 2019

Rules and Operations of the Senate

OVERVIEW: House Bill 886 would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, to study and report on the challenges faced in becoming an NC Pre-K site.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 886 would require the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), to complete a study of four- and five-star centers that are not participating in NC Pre-K in order to identify the challenges associated with becoming an NC Pre-K site. This study must also include a county-by-county survey of local challenges. The Division must submit a report making recommendations to address the challenges and recommended changes in the State funding structure which would be necessary to achieve the goal of enrolling 75% of the children in each county in NC Pre-K. The report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

