HJR 15 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/14/19

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Fagan, Gelser, Heard, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Knopp
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Encourages state agencies to follow Childhood and Early Parenting Principles as framework for policies and programs on early parenting and childhood development.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Origin and evidence base of Childhood and Early Parenting Principles
- Comparison to similar frameworks
- Barriers to implementing framework to fidelity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces requirement of agencies to follow principles as a framework with encouragement to follow principles. Refers to alignment of principles with multiyear early learning plan by Early Learning Council. Modifies language regarding universal access to early parent and early childhood education and services by replacing "while respecting voices of women and men" with "while respecting voices of all persons."

BACKGROUND:

Childhood and Early Parenting Principles (CEPPs) were developed by organizations working on the delivery of child health care and early childhood development services. CEPPs focus on ages three to five due to the impact of early intervention on a child's future physical and mental health. CEPPs extend early childhood development practices to include the prenatal period, and both physical and mental development.

House Joint Resolution 15 A encourages state agencies to follow Childhood and Early Parenting Principles as a framework for policies and programs for early parenting and childhood development.

Carrier: Sen. Taylor