

Budget Briefing of the Appropriations Committee



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Governor's FY 2015 Midterm Budget Adjustments



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Early Childhood Initiatives

- \$5.8 million to increase Early Care and Education Quality by establishing a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and increasing frequency of licensing inspections
- \$3 million to increase Care 4 Kids funding based on re-estimated caseload projections

Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten

Phasing in Access to Low Income Families

- Estimated unmet pre-K needs for 3 and 4 year olds = 4,010
- \$13.8 million is provided in FY 2015 to begin the phase in:
 - 1,020 new slots are added
 - Pre-K slot rate payments increase by 3%
 - \$2.3 million for start up costs and planning for universal access to pre-K
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Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten Phase-In Plan

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Priority School Districts (PSD) School Readiness by 2019	475	950	1,425	1,900	2,374
Alliance Districts by 2017	438	876	1,314	1,314	1,314
Competitive Districts (Non-Alliance) by 2017	107	214	322	322	322
Total Slots	1,020	2,040	3,061	3,536	4,010
Total Cumulative Costs	\$11,511,904	\$24,521,171	\$36,613,944	\$43,329,535	\$51,144,742

Funded with Carryforward from FY 2014	FY 2015
Start Up Costs @ \$22,500 per Classroom (est. 18 kids per class)	\$1,275,000
Planning Grants	\$1,050,000
Total Carryforward Funds	\$2,325,000

Total Available for FY 2015	\$13,836,904
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