

Early Childhood Omnibus bill to be heard on Thursday 4/23 in the House!

HF 2088, the Omnibus Early Childhood Bill:

Recognizing the sizable return on investment the state gets by investing in early care and education, HF 2088 includes no cuts to funding for early education and child care programs in MDE and DHS.

The House Omnibus Early Childhood Bill includes:

- * The bill will move forward in establishing a quality rating system (QRS) and common quality standards...
- * Creates a Director of Early Learning to coordinate state departments and funding for early care and education.
- * Uses federal stimulus dollars to enhance access and affordability by increasing funding for child care assistance!
- * Specifies that quality set-aside dollars in the federal stimulus package should be used to continue Family Friend and Neighbor Grants, fund quality improvements, and continue the Parent Aware QRS pilot...

SEIU-Kids First FCC Providers know the value in quality early child care and education, and also; Providers input into the legislative decision making is just as valuable!