

HB 1450 -- First Steps Program

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Currently, the point of entry for the First Steps Program, within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the greater St. Louis area must complete a study on the effect of hiring a child-find coordinator by September 1, 2010. This bill adds the child-find coordinator and the child-find committee to those conducting the study and changes the study's focus to the effect of child-find activities in the area. The bill also clarifies that the area includes the counties of St. Charles and St. Louis as well as St. Louis City and specifies that the child-find committee must consist of early intervention providers and service coordinators.