

HB 1689 -- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill changes the laws regarding early childhood education programs by:

(1) Establishing an August 1 cutoff birth date for participation of three-year-olds in prekindergarten programs; and

(2) Allowing the inclusion of prekindergarten pupils in the calculation of average daily attendance for school funding purposes when the pupils are eligible for free or reduced price lunch and attending a program operated by a school district or charter school that provides full-day kindergarten that meets the standards established by the State Board of Education, not to exceed 2% of the district's or charter school's average daily attendance.

These provisions become applicable in any school year subsequent to a school year when the school funding formula is fully funded and do not change mandatory school attendance laws.