



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 577**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 1, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 577 would shift funding for early childhood education students who will be eligible to attend kindergarten the following school year from the Early Childhood Education Grant Program to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (T.E.E.O.S.A.) after 3 years of grants. Programs would be required to continue to meet the criteria for the grants in order for districts to be eligible to include the students in T.E.E.O.S.A. funding. An intent is expressed to appropriate funds for 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 to the grant program so 1/3 of the unserved at-risk children may be added each year and in 2007-08 all at-risk children who will be eligible for kindergarten the following school year will be served.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**