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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB803

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2018

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

The bill clarifies the use of phrases used throughout statutes related to prekindergarten services, prekindergarten programs, and early childhood education programs, eliminates wording in statutes related to Step Up to Quality that are redundant, provides that school districts offer a kindergarten program beginning with the 2019-20 school year equal to the same instructional hours as all other elementary grades and repeals a minimum requirement for kindergarten programs first established in 1967 and last modified in 1985, and modifies language related to the requirements for prekindergarten programs and early childhood education programs to provide flexibility to the State Board under the rules and regulations adopted to address issues related to lack of qualified workforce throughout the state while providing the possibility of more programs to be available to families seeking such programs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Stinner