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**Testimony of Linda Goodman, Acting Commissioner
Office of Early Childhood
Before the Human Services Committee
Re: HB 7040 – An Act Implementing the Governor’s Budget Recommendation
for Human Services Programs
Thursday, March 2, 2017**

The Office of Early Childhood submits testimony in support of **HB 7040 – An Act Implementing the Governor’s Budget Recommendations for Human Services Programs.**

Sections 2, 3 and 4 transfer the Birth to Three program from the Office of Early Childhood to the Department of Social Services. Birth to Three staff will be transferred as part of this change to maintain program operations.

The rationale for moving the Birth to Three program to DSS is to better align Medicaid funding (approximately 61% of children enrolled in Birth to Three are Medicaid-eligible and this percentage continues to increase) and to better coordinate Birth to Three services with other Medicaid services available for this population.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this provision.