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Written Testimony Before the Education Committee Office of Early Childhood

**Re: SB 952 – An Concerning the Sharing of Federal Funding Between the Office of
Early Childhood and the Department of Social Services
Monday, March 6, 2017**

The Office of Early Childhood submits testimony concerning SB 952 - An Concerning the Sharing of Federal Funding between the Office of Early Childhood and the Department of Social Services.

This bill seeks to establish a new Care 4 Kids Supplemental TANF account under the Department of Social Services (DSS) to be expended on child care subsidies. The account would hold no less than \$10 million annually and would be credited with funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. In addition, the bill requires DSS to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Early Childhood to transfer funds to support the child care subsidy program.

Per the Governor's budget, all TANF block grant dollars are fully allocated. If TANF funds are proposed for new purposes – like the new account detailed in this bill – the redirection of revenue would result in less revenue to the General Fund. To keep the budget in balance, additional revenue would need to be raised to replace the lost \$10 million in TANF revenue or an additional \$10 million would need to be found from other expenditures.

Therefore, the Office of Early Childhood cannot support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.