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Prekindergarten Committee bill v.3.1

Summary of changes from v.2.1

(a) Regulatory oversight and administration—five options:

- (1) Joint oversight and rulemaking—current law.
- (2) Separate oversight and rulemaking—draft 2.1.
- (3) Separate oversight but joint rulemaking—draft 3.1.
- (4) All oversight and rulemaking by AOE.
- (5) All oversight and rulemaking by AHS.

(b) New requirement for public schools to notify contracted providers if the school plans to begin or expand prekindergarten program.

(c) New requirement that private programs must employ or contract for the services of a qualified teacher to provide direct instruction to prekindergarten students, with a three-year phase in during which instructional coaching of the provider’s staff is permitted.

(d) New ability of private programs to satisfy teacher qualification requirement by employing or contracting with a teacher that has a Montessori early childhood teacher certification.

(e) New requirement for AHS and AOE to post a list of providers under their respective jurisdictions that satisfy the program quality requirements, and

1 for those providers to provide notice if they no longer satisfy the program
2 quality requirements.

3 (f) New ability of school districts to adapt the uniform forms and processes
4 developed by the Agency of Education to its circumstances if compliance with
5 these uniform forms and processes would be unduly burdensome or costly to
6 the school district.

7 (g) New provision that provides that school districts shall have no
8 responsibility to monitor the administration of prekindergarten educational
9 services provided by contracted providers and shall be immune from civil and
10 criminal liability for their actions.