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EDUCATION BILLS REPORTED TO FINANCE

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You asked for summaries of Education Committee bills favorably reported to the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee.

SHB 6359 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

This bill creates the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to administer a coordinated early child care education and child development system, and it consolidates in OEC programs, cabinets, and funds administered by four agencies.

In doing so, the bill requires OEC, instead of the Department of Social Services, to use the proceeds of up to \$6,024,798 in previously authorized state general obligation bonds to pay the administrative costs of a program that provides grants for developing child care facilities, mainly for the children of municipal and state employees.

The bill also makes a conforming change to the existing 60% tax credit for businesses investing in child day care facilities for their employees' children. It specifies that these facilities must be licensed by the OEC executive director, rather than the public health commissioner, as current law requires.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

**SSB 876 – AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE
GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND A
STUDY OF ROOF PITCH REQUIREMENTS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

This bill authorizes \$510.1 million in state general obligation bonds for grant commitments to 27 local school construction projects. It also reauthorizes and changes bond grant commitments for (1) six previously authorized local projects with changes in cost and scope and (2) a previously authorized state technical high school system project. The reauthorizations result in a \$19.5 million increase in the state grant commitment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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