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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4792
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Subject: Virtual Early Learning Pilot Program
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2016-17 | FY 2017-18 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | Undetermined | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Revenue | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Expenditure | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact of this bill cannot be determined at this time. While the Virtual Early Learning Pilot Program is limited to ten school districts, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office cannot determine how many students in the designated ten school districts would participate in the program.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill establishes the Virtual Early Learning Pilot Program Act, which allows the State Board of Education to contract with an educational technology provider to provide home-based educational technology for literacy and numeracy instruction and assessment for preschool children. The contractor will be responsible for providing technical support to low income families who cannot afford a computer and internet service to operate the software.

The State Department of Education indicates that costs vary per student based on the vendor product selected and the number of students participating in the virtual early learning pilot. The department indicated that the vendors that provide the virtual content along with the computer and internet access vary in price between \$1,500 to \$3,500 per student.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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