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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill may increase Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) operating expenditures by approximately \$48,000 to \$112,000 annually if a new staff member is needed to establish and maintain a process to designate high-quality youth development programs.

Detailed Analysis

High-quality youth development program designation

The bill permits a program, or group of affiliated programs represented by a statewide organization, to apply to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) for designation as a high-quality youth development program. The bill requires a program or group to demonstrate to DEW that it meets certain eligibility conditions with respect to: (1) program type (the program or group either is or supports a youth development program, an approved child day camp, or licensed child care program), (2) safety standards, (3) financial soundness and accountability, (4) documenting outcomes, (5) programming, and (6) establishing local partnership and community and family engagement. For details regarding the eligibility conditions, see the LSC bill analysis. If DEW determines that a program meets the above criteria, it must designate the program as a high-quality youth development program. This designation would apply to each facility in which the program operates and provides programming for youth.

DEW designation process

The bill requires DEW to review all high-quality youth development program designation applications and designate all eligible programs. According to DEW, the designation process under the bill will be similarly structured to the one it uses for high-performing educational service center (ESC) designations, in which applicants submit their evidence of eligibility and

other application materials to DEW via email and DEW determines if the evidence provided is sufficient for the designation. However, DEW anticipates a higher volume of applications for the high-quality youth development program designation. To manage this, DEW estimates that they will need an additional 0.5 to 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee. The base pay rate for an education program specialist starts at \$34.28 per hour. The total annual payroll cost for such a position will range from about \$48,000 to \$112,000, depending on whether the position is part- or full-time and the single or family health insurance coverage the employee may enroll in.