

Amendment No. 5 to HB2973

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2942

House Bill No. 2973*

by adding the following as new, appropriately designated sections immediately preceding the antepenultimate section and redesignating the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION __. The appropriation made to the Department of Education in Section 1, Title III-9, Item 1.5 of this act for the Education Freedom Scholarship Program is reduced by the sum of \$144,200,000 (recurring). Such funding reduction is for the purpose of increasing funding for early childhood education.

SECTION __. In addition to funds appropriated to the Department of Education in Section 1, Title III-9, Item 2.1(i) of this act for Early Childhood Education, there is appropriated the sum of \$144,200,000 (recurring) to the Department of Education to be used in the same manner as funds appropriated to the Department of Education in Section 1, Title III-9, Item 2.1(i) of this act for Early Childhood Education and as described in on Page B-103 of the 2024-2025 Budget Document. Funds may be used to expand the early childhood education program, and additional positions as required are authorized to be established.