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Tallahassee, Fla. – Earlier today, [HB 1319](#), sponsored by **Representative Angie Nixon (D- Jacksonville)**, passed with unanimous bipartisan support in the Early Learning and Secondary Education Subcommittee. **HB 1319** Requires early learning coalitions to adopt payment rate schedule; provides requirements for payment rate schedule; requires early learning coalitions to reimburse contracted school readiness program providers minimum payment rate; provides minimum payment rate reimbursements shall be charged as direct services; revises required contents of early learning coalition plans; requires the division to annually collect data & include such data in an annual report.

“Access to quality early learning and school readiness programs can make or break the future of every child. From expanding access to childcare based on Florida’s unique economic trends to ensuring a level playing field for families and providers regardless of zip code, this bill will help curb the second largest expense for families, ensuring they can focus on housing, food, and other necessities,” said **Representative Nixon.**

Having passed favorably, the bill has been referred to the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.

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