



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Discuss approval of a hearing draft of Rule 11: Regulations for the Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards of Educational Service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Education Grants

**RATIONALE:**

Rule 11 is being revised to add clarifications regarding the provision of early childhood education and Care program for children from birth to kindergarten entrance age in center-based and for Home-based programs. Sections have been added to clarify requirements for services to infants and toddlers, and for home-based programs (in non-special education programs). Clarifications have been made to existing requirements to improve ease of compliance and to reduce ambiguity.