

2025 Legislature, Senate Education Finance Committee

MDE Early Childhood Appropriation Realignment

Based on November 2024 Forecast

Dollars in Thousands

Line	Program	FY2026	FY2027	FY2026-27	FY2028	FY2029	FY2028-29
1	Department of Education						
2	Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) at Tribal Schools	68	68	136	68	68	136
3	Early Childhood Teacher Shortage	500	500	1,000	500	500	1,000
4	Kindergarten Entrance Assessment	2,357	1,743	4,100	1,743	1,743	3,486
5	MDE Early Childhood Total	2,925	2,311	5,236	2,311	2,311	4,622
6	Department of Children, Youth, & Families						
7	Education Finance Committee						
8	Developmental Screening Administrative Costs	77	77	154	77	77	154
9	Developmental Screening Aid	4,099	4,051	8,150	4,030	4,068	8,098
10	ECFE Aid <sup>1</sup>	39,779	41,444	81,223	41,926	42,013	83,939
11	ECFE Home Visiting Aid <sup>2</sup>	226	192	418	167	142	309
12	ECFE Support Staff	375	375	750	375	375	750
13	School Readiness	33,683	33,683	67,366	33,683	33,683	67,366
14	Voluntary Prekindergarten Administrative Costs	691	691	1,382	691	691	1,382
15	Education Finance Subtotal	78,930	80,513	159,443	80,949	81,049	161,998
16	Health & Human Services Committee						
17	Agency Operations (MDE Base)	1,148	1,148	2,296	1,148	1,148	2,296
18	Early Childhood Literacy Programs (Reading Corps)	7,950	7,950	15,900	7,950	7,950	15,900
19	Early Learning Scholarships	100,173	100,173	200,346	100,173	100,173	200,346
20	Educate Parents Partnership	49	49	98	49	49	98
21	Grow Your Own Early Childhood & Family Educators	500	500	1,000	500	500	1,000
22	Head Start Program	35,100	35,100	70,200	35,100	35,100	70,200
23	ParentChild+ Program	900	900	1,800	900	900	1,800
24	Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS)	1,750	1,750	3,500	1,750	1,750	3,500
25	Reach Out & Read	250	250	500	250	250	500
26	Health & Human Services Subtotal	147,820	147,820	295,640	147,820	147,820	295,640
27	DCYF Early Childhood Total	226,750	228,333	455,083	228,769	228,869	457,638
28	Education Finance Committee Total	81,855	82,824	164,679	83,260	83,360	166,620
29	Health & Human Services Committee Total	147,820	147,820	295,640	147,820	147,820	295,640

Note: The Education Finance committee has jurisdiction over voluntary prekindergarten and early childhood special education. Funding will continue to be embedded within the K-12 funding formulas and appropriations will be made to MDE; however, DCYF will administer VPK and IDEA Part C.

<sup>1</sup> The ECFE revenue program has an aid and a levy component. The ECFE levy is approximately \$22-24 million annually.

<sup>2</sup> The ECFE Home Visiting revenue program has an aid and a levy component. The ECFE levy is approximately \$800,000 - \$900,000 annually.