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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services and education matters.

2. It establishes the First 4 ME Early Care and Education Program under the Department of Health and Human Services to provide comprehensive, high-quality early child care and education services for at-risk children under six years of age who have not entered kindergarten and the children's parents by funding projects that integrate comprehensive resources and services with traditional child care center and family child care settings. The projects are sponsored by coalitions of stakeholders, providers and other community members within the communities that the projects serve. Each project is led and coordinated by a community contractor who staffs the project's operations and contracts with community providers to provide health care, education or parenting services, which may include services provided in a licensed child care center or by a licensed family child care provider, in a home visit or by an individual providing services to a family member within the individual's or family member's residence. The community contractor employs or contracts with community coaches who train and provide support to community providers. The department is directed to seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other sources to pay the costs of projects under the program and, to the maximum extent possible, use state funds received for the projects to maximize receipt of federal funds to be used for the projects. This legislation directs the department to request proposals for up to five pilot projects to implement the program and to report to the Legislature on the progress of the pilot projects toward the objectives, goals and intended outcomes of the projects in 2025.

### **LD 1718** An Act To Establish the Accidental Drug Overdose Death Review Panel

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 292 establishes the Accidental Drug Overdose Death Review Panel, within the Office of the Attorney General, to review a subset of deaths caused by accidental drug overdoses and to recommend to state, county and local agencies methods of preventing deaths as the result of accidental drug overdoses including modification or enactment of laws, rules, policies and procedures.

Public Law 2021, chapter 292 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2021.