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## **Keep Investing in Developmental Success (KIDS) Early Education Bills**

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All children deserve a safe, accessible and high-quality start to their education. Age appropriate quality early education programs combined with well-trained educators and child care providers will prepare our youngest for a rewarding educational experience. But Pre-K child care and education is expensive. The cost of child care exceeds the cost of college in 36 states! And, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, child care providers are some of the lowest paid workers in the United States. These three bills provide much needed relief for educators in the form of tax credits, loan forgiveness and more access to quality care with private-public partnerships. Well-trained educators providing quality early education makes all the difference in a child's success in life.

### **The Tax Relief for Early Educators Act**

- ❖ This Act amends the tax code to provide tax credit for early childhood educators for the additional costs of their work, similar to the tax credit already available to K-12 teachers.
- ❖ It provides up to \$3,000 dollars so parents can afford to put their children in quality early child development programs.

### **Preparing and Reinvesting in Early Education Act**

- ❖ The PRE ED Act creates new student loan forgiveness programs for early childhood teachers earning an Associate or Baccalaureate degree in early education.
- ❖ By providing some financial relief, the Act encourages more early childhood teachers to remain in programs working with young children through age five.

### **Child Care Public-Private Partnership Act**

- ❖ This Act seeks to create child care programs through business partnerships.
- ❖ With shared responsibility between federal and private sector businesses, parents will be able to better access affordable, quality child care.

These three bills provide more access to quality child care for working families and supporting the professional educators working in early childhood. Investing in early childhood programs now yields huge dividends later as the child grows.