

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1754

**Introduced by Assembly Members McCarty, Friedman, Eduardo
Garcia, and Bonta**

January 3, 2018

An act to add Section 8205.5 to the Education Code, relating to early care and education.

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AB 1754, as introduced, McCarty. Pre-K for All Act of 2018.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer child care and development programs that offer a full range of services to eligible children from infancy to 13 years of age, inclusive. Existing law requires the Superintendent to administer all California state preschool programs, which include part-day age and developmentally appropriate programs for 3- and 4-year-old children, as provided. Existing law provides that 3- and 4-year-old children are eligible for the state part-day preschool program if the family meets one of several eligibility requirements, including income eligibility.

This bill, the Pre-K for All Act of 2018, would require the state to provide all 4-year-old children who meet those eligibility requirements with access to early care and education programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
2 Pre-K for All Act of 2018.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the
4 following:

5 (1) Quality early learning and care for children from infancy to
6 five years of ages, inclusive, is a sound and strategic investment
7 to narrow achievement gaps that are present well before children
8 enter kindergarten.

9 (2) In the annual Budget Act for the 2014–15 fiscal year, the
10 Legislature and Governor committed to providing all low-income
11 children with at least one year of early care and education
12 programs.

13 (b) It is the intent of the state to ensure a fair start to all
14 low-income children by providing quality early care and education
15 for all low-income children whose families wish to enroll them in
16 early care and education programs.

17 SEC. 3. Section 8205.5 is added to the Education Code, to
18 read:

19 8205.5. The state shall provide all low-income four-year-old
20 children from working families, as provided in subdivision (a) of
21 Section 8263, with access to early care and education programs.