

School Readiness Program Assessment



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What is House Bill 1091?



During the 2018 legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed a bill (HB 1091) that requires all contracted School Readiness providers to receive a program assessment. The intent of this bill is to increase quality and accountability in the School Readiness Program.

How does HB 1091 affect my business?



Most School Readiness providers serving children ages birth-kindergarten entry will be required to participate in a program assessment observation, specifically the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®). This assessment tool measures the quality of interactions between teachers and children.

Why is this important to my work?



Research shows that positive teacher-child interactions improve child outcomes starting in early learning. While providing quality child care to Florida's most vulnerable population, School Readiness providers may receive additional funds (differential payment) per child enrolled in School Readiness based on their CLASS scores. Also, providers implementing an approved child assessment may be eligible for a payment differential up to 5 percent. The total available payment differential for both CLASS scores and implementation of child assessments will not exceed 15 percent.

Questions?

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