SENATE AMENDMENT NO. ___

Offered by _____ **Of** _____

Amend SS/House **Bill No.** 447, **Page** 7, **Section** 161.243, **Lines** 1-23,

2 by striking all of said section and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:
4 "161.243. 1. As used in this section, the following
5 terms mean:
6 (1) "Early childhood education services", programming
7 or services intended to effect positive developmental
8 changes in children prior to their entry into kindergarten;
9 (2) "Private entity", an entity that meets the
10 definition of a licensed child care provider as defined in
11 section 210.201, license exempt as defined in section
12 210.211, or that is unlicensed but is contracted with the
13 department of elementary and secondary education.
14 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of
15 elementary and secondary education shall provide grants
16 directly to private entities for the provision of early
17 childhood education services. The standards prescribed in
18 section 161.213 shall be applicable to all private entities
19 that receive these grant funds.".